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Disaster at Bluff Cove
Britain's worst casualties of the Falklands war were sustained in a single day, June 8, 1982, with the sinking of the Sir Galahad, carrying 350 Welsh Guards. The results of an inquiry into the disaster were never made public, but on the Spectrum page, Jenny Rathbone reveals what really happened at Bluff Cove.

Sport in South Africa
David Miller asks whether the time has come for the world to change its attitude towards the country whose racial policies have barred it from full participation in international sport.

Nicaragua expels US envoys

Washington said it would protest at Nicaragua's decision to expel three US diplomats in Managua accused of plotting to destabilize the Sandinista Government. They were said to have helped to plan the assassination of senior officials.

Pound rallies on poll hopes

Sterling rallied sharply after last week's losses as a result of denials of a cut in the Nigerian oil price and weekend polls predicting a landslide Tory win for the Conservatives. But it later fell back to close 1 cent up at \$1.5765.

ANC reprieves

South Africa reprieved three members of the underground African National Congress, but said three others would be hanged for attacks in which four black policemen were killed.

Feline awards

The highly acclaimed musical, *Cats*, has won seven of Broadway's Tony awards, including best musical, best director, for Trevor Nunn, and best score, for Andrew Lloyd Webber.

TV-am gains

TV-am's recast breakfast programme gained 100,000 extra viewers in the week ended May 22, while the BBC's breakfast audience dropped.

Royal Hawke

Mr Bob Hawke, Australia's republican Prime Minister, had tea with the Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday and will have lunch with the Queen today.

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Malawi fears

Reports that President Hastings Banda of Malawi intends to take a year's sabbatical in Britain have unsettled the country. Some army officers and politicians have hurriedly left.

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Poll humiliation would bring Labour blood-letting

Moderate union leaders are preparing to reappraise the labour movement's policies if the Labour Party loses heavily on Thursday.

Britain could lead the world again as it had led the first industrial revolution, Mrs Thatcher said on television.

Unions seek a new approach to bridge the credibility gap

Moderate trade union leaders are preparing for a radical reappraisal of the labour movement's policies in the wake of their party's widely expected humiliation at the polls on Thursday.

The outcome is expected to be a shift back towards the political centre, abandoning some of the more extreme left-wing attitudes on issues such as the Common Market, nuclear disarmament and incomes policy.

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Right-wing union leaders have gone along quietly but reluctantly with hard-line TUC and Labour Party conference policies for the sake of unity in the run-up to the election. But they now argue privately that the left-wing strategy has failed.

In public the union "barons" who dominate the pressure group, Trade Unions for Labour Victory, still insist that Labour can win on Thursday, and refuse to rock the electoral boat by openly discussing what will happen if Mrs Thatcher

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performs as well as the opinion polls suggest.

But privately some leading moderates are talking of a "credibility gap" that has opened up between trade union and Labour political leaders on the one hand and traditional party supporters, on the other, who did not believe that a Foot government could bring unemployment down to less than a million or take Britain out of the EEC "just like that".

will see a shift. It may not be all that easy, because there will be some blood-letting from both sides.

Signs of political discontent are likely to emerge at a series of key union conferences in the coming weeks, starting next week with the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, whose moderate general secretary still refuses to contemplate anything except a Labour victory.

The inquest will continue at the conference of the Confederation of Health Service Employees, whose general secretary, Mr David Williams, is a member of Labour's national executive, and then at the conferences of the National Union of Railwaymen and the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions at the end of the month.

A powerful rear-guard action will be fought by the left at the end of the conference season early next month.

Buoyant Thatcher denies extremism

The Prime Minister last night set herself the target of turning Britain into a world-beater, declaring in a marathon question and answer session with a cross-section of 500 North-west voters: "As we let the first industrial revolution, we can lead the way again."

Mrs Thatcher so enjoyed her recorded 15-minute session for last night's Granada Television *World in Action Special*, that she insisted on giving an encore performance which could not be broadcast.

Black vote threat to Labour

Many traditionally safe Labour seats in Britain's inner cities may be at risk in the general election through widespread abstentions by black voters, an opinion poll carried out for London Weekend Television suggests.

The poll suggests that only 51 per cent of blacks, who traditionally vote overwhelmingly for Labour, are likely to vote on Thursday and that only one in three are certain to do so, while even among Asian voters, who traditionally have a higher turnout than whites, only 61 per cent say they are certain to vote.

Most reject 'glorying in slaughter' claim

A telephone poll by Audience Selection, published in *The Sun* today shows 45 per cent of those approached supporting the Conservatives; 28 per cent the Alliance and 24 per cent Labour.

Those called were also asked if they agreed or disagreed with Mr Healey's recent statement that Mrs Thatcher had been glorying in slaughter, and 24 per cent agreed with 76 per cent disagreeing.

Mr Tebbit's recent statement that unemployment trend was continuing to slow and that the United Kingdom was doing better than many other countries was also put to those called.

Why Japan air travellers went by train

The dramatic impact which one crash can have on an airline was demonstrated yesterday, when Japan Air Lines (JAL) reported its first loss in eight years.

The main reason was the so-called "February 9 incident". On that date last year, a pilot, later proved to have been suffering from acute schizophrenia, flew a DC8 aircraft into Tokyo Bay, killing 24 people.

He had been on a domestic flight, and after the incident almost 5,000 passengers a day switched to internal flights run by rival airlines, or forsook the air altogether in favour of cars and trains.



Tory baby: Mrs Thatcher talking to Katherine Malins, aged 10 months, daughter of the Conservative candidate for Croydon, North West, during her tour of the constituency.

Financial Times says call for all-out strike is political

The crisis at the *Financial Times* deepened yesterday as the National Graphical Association called a total strike of craft print workers and management said the dispute was now "a political issue".

Both sides in the week-old dispute have been called to the offices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service this morning in an eleven-hour effort to get the paper back on the streets before polling day.

Mr Alan Hare, chairman and chief executive of the FT, has written to the Prime Minister and leaders of the other main political parties proposing legislation "at least in the case of Fleet Street" to make agreements with unions legally enforceable.

Roach 'put gun in his mouth'

The pathologist who examined Mr Colin Roach, aged 21, who died of shotgun wounds in the entrance of Stoke Newington police station in January, told the inquest yesterday that he believed the injury was self-inflicted.

Dr Peter Vanezis told the inquest, at Clerkenwell County Court, that the shotgun had been placed inside the mouth and gripped with the teeth. "If anyone else had placed the shotgun in Mr Roach's mouth I would have expected to see damage to the mouth or lips, and there was none."

But Dr Vanezis, of the London Hospital Medical College, added under prolonged questioning from Mr Michael Mansfield, for the Roach family, that he could not be "100 per cent certain" that the injury was self-inflicted.

Mr Mansfield suggested that if Mr Roach had been speaking, perhaps to someone he knew, the sawn-off shotgun could have been put in his mouth. Dr Vanezis said: "It is a possibility, but added: "It is highly unlikely."

He acknowledged that there were "lacinations" inside Mr Roach's lips, but said they were much more consistent with injury from the explosion in the mouth than from the gun being introduced by someone else from outside.

Mr James Roach, told the inquest that his son had been depressed after his release from prison. Once he had said he was going to jump out of an upstairs window, but he came back down and said: "I don't want to hurt myself."

Mr Roach challenged a statement taken by the police, in which he said his son had been acting strangely and talking about voodoo. He was not told of his son's death for two and a half hours after he arrived at Stoke Newington police station, he said.

School holiday ends in crash tragedy

A teacher was killed and more than 20 children were injured when the coach taking them on a school holiday to France collided with a lorry on the M5 in Devon early yesterday.

Some of the injured children were horribly scared in the accident. The coach slid 150 yards on its side and children's arms and legs were scrapped along the tarmac through the broken windows. Many of the injured will need plastic surgery.

The teacher who died was Mrs Delecia Moss, aged 28, of Kendal. Her party from the Lakes School, a comprehensive near Lake Windermere, included 40 children and four teachers.

Volga boat tragedy kills many

Moscow (Reuters) - A Soviet passenger ship was involved in a serious accident on the Volga river on Sunday in which many of those on board were killed, according to a government statement last night.

The statement, carried by state television, named the vessel as the Alexander Sivorov and said only that the accident had occurred near the town of Ulyanovsk and had "caused human casualties".

The unusual nature of the announcement and the fact that a high-level government commission would investigate the accident made clear that the death toll is high.

The statement said the Government was taking measures to help the families of all those killed. The omission of a reference of aid also being given to the injured suggests that all on board were killed.

Euro-rail cards for pensioners

For just £5 pensioners in Britain will soon become entitled to half-price rail fare throughout Europe.

That is the price of a new senior European railcard (RES), to be introduced in a few weeks' time by British Rail in association with European members of the Paris-based International Union of Railways.

The card will give pensioners half-price travel in Belgium, the Irish Republic, Finland, France, Greece, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland - and a third off the normal fare in Austria, Denmark, West Germany, Hungary, Italy and Yugoslavia.

The card must be renewed annually and must be held with British Rail's senior citizen's railcard, which costs £10 and entitles the holder to cheap travel in Britain for a year.

These have been strong sellers for years, generating about 30 million journeys a year and earning an extra £40m for British Rail.

At half-price, rail travel on the continent becomes even cheaper for pensioners than air or the coaches that have been popular with them hitherto.

For example, a half-price rail return to the French Riviera (Nice) is under £66, compared with £108 in summer (£98 off-season) by the new Epsom Coaches service from London Victoria, operated as part of the European Supabus network announced a fortnight ago.

Welcoming the scheme last night, a British Rail spokesman said it might be extended later to cover other groups, such as people under 24 and families, at present offered reduced price travel in Britain through their railcard schemes.

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Tactical dilemma faces the anti-Labour voter in a once rock-solid seat

By David Hewson

The dilemma of the tactical voter in the present election is acute, and nowhere more so than in the inner London seat of Islington North.

The constituency epitomizes the problems which face voters in the wake of the fragmentation of the Labour Party. On present voting trends, it possesses a majority who are against the continuation of Labour rule, but one which is split between showing its support through the Alliance or through the Tories who have not won an Islington seat since the 1930s.

The result may well be that Labour's candidate, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, the veteran left-wing campaigner for squatters' rights, will walk into Westminster on the back of the division existing among the majority of voters opposed to him.

Heseltine tells of holiday fears

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, said yesterday that contingency plans among Conservative voters could help Labour to win a number of constituencies because of the large number of Tory supporters who are away on holiday (Tim Jones writes).

Mr Heseltine, referring to people who are thinking of voting tactically, said in Cardiff: "I don't think these people have fully realized the consequences of the large numbers of people on holiday who could allow Labour in a number of marginal constituencies."

Mr Heseltine said that tactical voting could let in "the most extreme Labour Party we have ever seen in this country".

points from the Labour vote, the Tories could be in with a chance of winning the seat.

Mr David Coleman, the Oxford demography lecturer who is running for the Conservatives, frankly admits that the race is not that simple. "The facts may be on our side but the misapprehensions are on the side of the SDP. It is essential that I squeeze Grant before he squeezes me."

From now on the movement of our campaign is going to be very much against the Social Democrats. They are very much towards slugging off the left wing Labour party and attacking Corby.

'Press lies' about Foot madden Jill Craigie

By Peter Evans

The vilification of Michael Foot in the press has left its mark on the wife, Jill Craigie. "I can't bear it. I don't think any woman could. You read such misrepresentations, such lies. I take it so seriously that I have made it worse for Michael, not better," she says today.

In an interview in *Woman* magazine she discloses how much she is upset by references to her husband as 'Worzel Gummidge'. "It drives me mad because I buy his clothes and it is therefore a reflection on me. He has very nice suits which he wears beautifully."

But she also has to believe that the election is in the melting pot, since the previous results in the area do not bode well for the Alliance. For the Islington voters who are at the centre of this unaccustomedly complex electoral issue, there is no easy answer.

No more bets

Ladbrokes yesterday closed their books on bets that the Conservatives would win the general election. Their latest odds for Labour to win are now 7/1 and for the Alliance 66/1. The odds for a general majority have been extended to 8/1.



St Margaret of Assisi 1983

Whitehall brief

Head boy of Downing Street

By Peter Hennessy

When a Prime Minister fresh from a victory at the poll reaches Downing Street after kissing hands with the Queen at Buckingham Palace, a curious ritual takes place in No 10. It was revealed by Mr Joe Haines in his *The Politics of Power* when he described the progress of Sir Harold Wilson in March 1974.

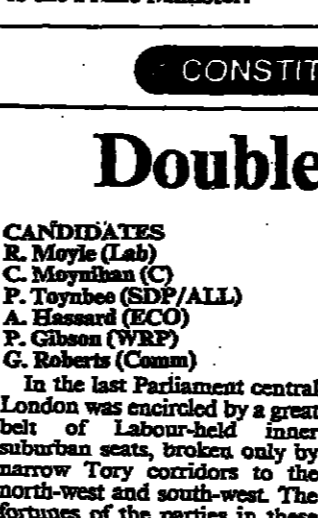
Beyond the Hallway of No 10, at the beginning of the long corridor which leads to the Cabinet Room, everyone - press officers, garden room girls, messengers, private secretaries and others - lined the passageway to applaud their new boss. So warm was their reception... that for a moment the preposterous thought that they might actually have voted Labour crossed my mind.

Mr Robin Butler was there in 1974. He will be there again on June 10, not as a junior private secretary witnessing the transfer of power from Heath to Wilson, but as Downing Street's No 1 official, Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister.

relinquishes the cabinet secretaryship in 1987, his friends can only fault him for being a bit too good to be true - superb at policy, marvellous with people of all sorts and conditions.

"At school he never broke the rules," said a fellow Old Harrovian. "He would never challenge authority. He would always keep a straight bat, never play across the line".

One friend says he tends to side with officialdom, even in a non-Whitehall context, recalling his defence of President Nixon as "not having done anything outward" at the time of Watergate. However, he is not a yes-man when it comes to telling ministers, even Prime Ministers, the truth. He has a gift of disagreeing without causing offence.



Robin Butler: Cyclist, patriot and closest official to the Prime Minister.

"Clive could be tougher with her. Why? Because she was on a learning curve too when he joined her in 1979".

It took a month or two for Prime Minister and principal private secretary to get used to each other when Mr Butler returned to No 10 from the Treasury last August. They now form a close partnership, although Mr Butler should not, Whitehall insiders insist, be regarded as a hard-line Thatcherite on policy, as he echoes dogma-economic or otherwise.

Whoever walks down that corridor on Friday will be taken care of by one of the most accomplished pairs of hands in Whitehall. But the impression of a polished polymath, albeit of orthodox views, is not quite right. Mr Butler is a solidly English figure: "He speaks no foreign languages. He is now a friend of mine".

And he did in 1970 turn up at one of the famous *Private Eye* lunches, hosted by his Oxford chum, Mr Richard Ingrams. Though his superiors knew, they need not have worried. Nothing of interest was passed over, as Mr Ingrams confirmed last week, adding: "He did tell me once that he had great difficulty in distinguishing what was really going on from what was in *Mrs Wilson's Diary*".

As if to prove that nature does imitate art, Lady Falkender's memoir, *Downing Street in Perspective*, published last month has a picture of Mr Butler's farewell party at the end of his first spell in No 10. He is standing beaming behind a sofa containing the cast of *Mrs Wilson's Diary*, including Lady Falkender, Sir Harold's Personal and Political Secretary, herself. He is a secretary for all seasons.

THE ISSUES TAXATION

Opposition parties to soak rich

By Lorna Bourke

Tax features prominently in the manifestos of both Labour and the SDP/Alliance with both parties conceding that income tax will have to go up to pay for improved social security benefits and pensions.

The Conservative manifesto contains no specific proposals to increase taxation, and a positive commitment to reduce taxation when possible. "Further improvements in allowances and lower rates of income tax remain a high priority, together with measures to reduce the poverty and unemployment traps."

Both Labour and the Alliance are committed to phasing or abolishing higher tax relief on home loans.

This would please the Inland Revenue, which has persuaded the building societies to calculate mortgage interest rates at the basic rate for home buyers, but is still obliged to work out higher rate tax relief manually on an individual basis.

There is little to cheer higher rate taxpayers in the policies of either the Alliance or Labour as both are committed to lowering the starting point for higher rates of tax.

Surprisingly, Alliance income tax proposals would be more heavily than those of Labour. The Alliance intends to cut back on the index-linking of personal allowances while Labour promises to increase basic personal allowances above the rate of inflation to lift those coming off social security and out of the poverty trap, and back into employment.

Both opposition parties commit themselves to phasing out the married man's tax allowance - the Alliance would do it over at least three years. Labour over five years. The relatively painless method is to freeze the married man's allowance leaving the single person's tax allowance to catch up.

Alliance plans are all part of a radical scheme to integrate social security payments and taxation and to replace local authority rates with local income tax.

The Times panel

Anger over bitchy mud-slinging

One opinion has united *The Times* voters' panel in the last week of the campaign: this is the dirtiest general election anyone can remember.

"It has been a filthy campaign, slinging muck, slugging one another off." In the last of our series, *The Times* election panel of 50 voters in the key seat of Medway receive politicians' speeches with some scepticism and say that the campaign has been the dirtiest for years.

AMANDA HAIGH reports.

Although all but a handful of the panelists say they made up their minds on national issues, the doorstep and local campaign have proved decisive for some.

Ms Margaret Cooper, aged 55, a housewife and lifelong Labour voter, said: "The Belgrano should not have been attacked our troops. This is the worst election I have known for mud-slinging."

Ms Sandra Wildish, aged 28, a housewife who will be voting Labour, agreed. "It was stupid of them to bring up the Falklands war. Denis Healey was wrong. Our men went there to protect our people and Mrs Thatcher did the only reasonable thing," she said.

Ms Mabel Ware, aged 72, a lifelong Labour voter, began this campaign undecided but says she will definitely vote Conservative. She said: "I think it was very wrong of Healey. It has hurt Labour's campaign. I enjoy the election, but they can do without all this dirt-slinging."

Pronouncements by politicians of all parties have been taken with a huge pinch of salt throughout the campaign. Mr Patricia Halsey, a power station guide and former Conservative voter who is still undecided this time, said: "I am not sure they are all being truthful. They do not always do exactly what they say they will once they get into power."

CONSTITUENCY PROFILE Rochdale

Fighting to spike big gun

Removing Cyril Smith from his Rochdale seat where he reclines with a comfortably padded majority is a feat one suspects to be far beyond the political muscle of either of his two main opponents.

However, the slightly-built Labour candidate Ms Valerie Broom is campaigning vigorously to end 11 years of Liberal rule and seems undaunted by her task of spiking one of the Alliance's big guns. "It is not the size of the gun, but the power of the shot," she points out with alacrity.

The Tory candidate, Mr Alan Fearn, a local dentist, aged 58, who seems destined to lose his fifth successive election fight is less optimistic. He admits glumly: "I do not have his frame or his fame." Wisely, Mr Fearn realizes his friends may lie in the apparent wane of Labour support and repeated reminders to the electorate of the Lab-Lib pact and their unity in 75 per cent of the division lobbies.

"I am the only anti-socialist candidate. That is my banner headline", he emphasized. He

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Double blue boxing clever

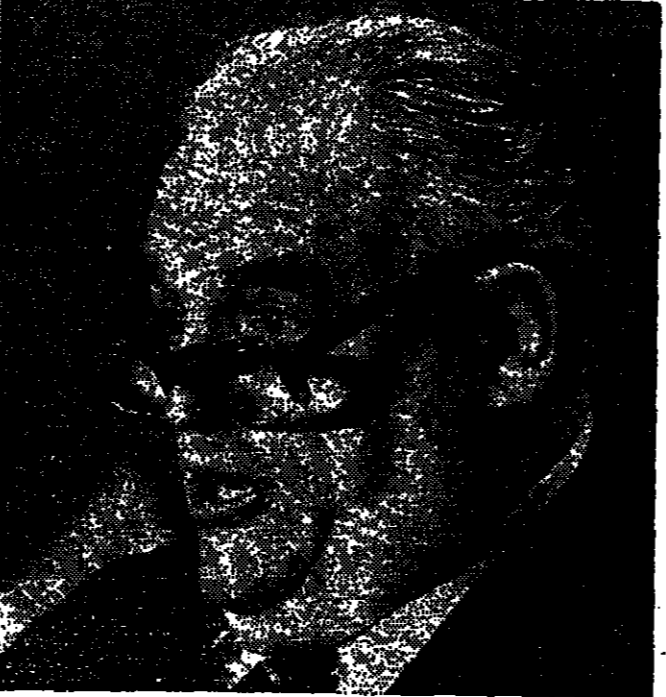
candidate, Miss Polly Toynbee, a columnist with *The Guardian*, said that support for Labour was incredibly soft. Workers for the Alliance say that this impression persists.

An intelligent lady with a comfortable manner, she constitutes the second threat to Labour.

In the marginal inner London seats it is usually possible to find one or two potential high fliers among Conservatives and one such is their candidate in Lewisham East, Colin Moylham.

He was president of the Union at Oxford and gained a double blue for boxing and coxswain. His career has moved at such speed that it seems only an oversight can have prevented him also getting a blue for the sprint.

At 27, with Olympic and world championship silver medals for rowing under his belt, he is chief executive of a tea and coffee company, and last December became a part-time political adviser to the Foreign Secretary, Francis Pym. All the portents suggest that he has a good chance of becoming one of the youngest members of the next parliament.



Mr Cyril Smith: distributing smiles

He still lives with his widowed mother Eva, aged 79, in the terraced house they bought in 1947. Mr Smith's

Tomorrow: Dulwich, Bradford W

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only worry is that supporters are so sure of his success they might not even bother to walk down to the polling stations. "It is amazing, almost fright-

ening, I cannot find anyone who does not think I will win", he said. "I am quietly confident."

Mr Smith is unconcerned about the Alliance's poor showing in the opinion polls. The last time they showed his party at 18 per cent was in 1974 when he won the seat with his largest majority of 9,000.

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Zhao tells congress of new ministry to combat espionage in China

China is setting up a new Ministry of State Security to combat foreign espionage, Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Minister, disclosed yesterday in his opening speech to the sixth National People's Congress.

In recent weeks, China has accused Taiwan and the United States of obtaining information from spies in China, and from a Hongkong Chinese newspaper editor who has been jailed while on a visit to the mainland.

The new ministry will evidently work in tandem with the existing Ministries of Public Security, which will concentrate more on the prevention and detection of other crimes.

Observers consider that the splitting of the function between two ministries will water down the powers of the public security organs in matters of internal political security.

In the past, the position of Minister of Public Security has been held by prominent politicians and military men, four of whom have been subsequently disgraced.

Mr Zhao spoke at length about the current economic reform, which involves devolution of powers to peasants and industrial enterprises in the interests of more efficient production.

The congress, attended by nearly 3,000 delegates, is expected to elect a new president and vice-president, posts which

From David Bonavia, Peking

have not existed since 1967. The favoured man for the presidency is Mr Li Xiannian, aged 78, a veteran revolutionary and economic planner.

● Political Stability: Mr Zhao said that China had made great progress in modernization and political life was steadily returning to normal, AP reports.

The 17-day congress, elected under the 1982 constitution, is expected to endorse the modernization plan of Mr Deng Xiaoping, the country's elder statesman. The last congress, China's highest legislative body, was convened in 1978 after the fall of the radical Gang of Four. Its deputies, elected for five-year terms, reflected dogmatic, leftist ideas and over-zealous economic goals that have been repudiated in favour of stability and rational growth.

In his work report, Mr Zhao said the congress was convening at a time of "intense political stability and unity, improving socialist democracy and a legal system." He said "Political life is steadily returning to normal and society is increasingly stable with each passing year."

Reporters were admitted to the open session and will attend other key sessions but are not permitted to hear and debate.

Mr Zhao outlined China's economic and foreign policies and its social and cultural achievements since the last congress. He said the current

tasks were economic modernization and social advancement, including better treatment for once-scorned intellectuals and scientists.

Since the 1978 congress, he said, China had readjusted its economy while maintaining a fairly high growth rate. The total value of industrial and agricultural output in 1982 was 32.6 per cent higher. The average annual income of peasants had doubled from about 130 yuan (£43) in 1978 to 260 yuan.

He also touched briefly on the questions of Taiwan, Hongkong and the Portuguese-administered territory of Macao. He urged efforts "to end as soon as possible the artificial barrier that separates the people on both sides of the Taiwan Straits." China would recover sovereignty over Hongkong "at an opportune moment (and) take appropriate measures to maintain its prosperity."

Mr Zhao reiterated China's appeal to the Soviet Union to take the first steps toward a normalization of relations.

Mr Zhao delivered his two-hour work report in the main auditorium of the Great Hall of the People. The 164 members of the presidium sat on a red-carpeted stage in front of a large red and gold seal of the People's Republic of China. Many of the aged leaders were helped to their seats by nurse-attendants.



Señor Diego Prado arriving home in Madrid yesterday, flanked by his wife and brother. Kidnapped financier freed by ETA after 73 days

From Richard Wigg Madrid

Señor Diego Prado y Colos de Carraval, a Spanish aristocrat and financier, aged 53, was released here yesterday after being held captive for 73 days in a rudimentary structure only 6ft in height and length by the military wing of ETA, the Basque terrorist organization.

Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, was one of the first to welcome the news on

his return from a Latin American tour. He spoke of "brutal deprivation" of a man's liberties. The police several weeks ago named six people, including a woman, as the suspected kidnapers, and one of them was arrested.

One of the most prolonged kidnappings of a businessman by ETA developed into a struggle between the Socialist Government, after it has mounted a spectacular but fruitless two-day search in a Madrid suburb, and the

terrorist organization clearly anxious to demonstrate its ability to hold a victim indefinitely in the capital.

Señor Prado was in too poor a psychological state to give details of his ordeal at a press conference yesterday. His brother, Señor Manuel Prado, a friend of King Juan Carlos and a former head of Iberia, the Spanish state airline, said that his brother had not been physically ill-treated, and has received regular hot meals.

ETA, claiming responsi-

bility for the kidnapping, said that it had taken a representative of the "Spanish oligarchy". The brothers are descended on their ancestor's side from Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of America.

Señor Manuel Prado declined to comment yesterday when asked by reporters about payment of a ransom, which the police at one time sought to hinder. He confirmed, however, that protracted "contacts" with the kidnapers had taken place.

Cigarettes replace money in Vietnam

Hanoi, (AFP) - while the value of Vietnam's currency, the dong, drops sharply on the black market, the value of its other currency - cigarettes - is on the rise, especially if they are British.

The Vietnamese dong, officially valued at 9.5 to the dollar, has skyrocketed to 180 to the dollar on the black market as rumours circulate of an imminent devaluation. The average monthly salary here is 200 dongs.

So the cigarette, harsh local brands for the poor, foreign brands for the rich or well-connected has become a sought-after means of payment for everything from favours and services to bribery of government officials. Cartons in the official press often use the cigarette to symbolize corruption.

Offered in cartons, packets or individually, the payment either goes up in smoke, leaving reputations unscathed, or is resold to serve again. Non-smokers in Hanoi rarely miss the chance to stock up on trips outside the country.

The incontestable leader among foreign cigarettes is the "555" brand, followed by Dunhill, Benson, Players and Capstan. The American Marlboros are valued only in the south.

A packet of "555" costs up to 200 dongs. A carton is worth 10 months' salary to the average Vietnamese.

Prisoners of conscience



Bangladesh: Sunil Kanti De

By Caroline Moorehead

Sunil Kanti De, a journalist aged 37, active as a social worker for the Buddhist as well as his own Hindu community in Rangamati, in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, is in detention in Kagrachari Prison. He was arrested by security officers on June 14, 1981. He appears to have been neither charged nor tried.

Colleagues describe him as a bold and forthright journalist. He has written repeatedly about the civil war in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, the area bordering Burma and India, and exposed violations of human rights by Government troops. In a series of other articles, he has described conditions in the Rangamati Government Hospital, where he reported that money intended for food was being misappropriated.

For the first six months of his detention, his family received no news of his whereabouts. When, in January, 1982, his brother was given permission to visit him, he found that Sunil Kanti De could not walk. Patches of his hair had been torn out. He reported frequent torture with electric shocks.



Mr Sunil Kanti De

Turks 'still have troops inside Iraq'

By Hazhir Teimourian

Mr Massud Barzani, the leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iraq, has denied Turkish government claims that all Turkish forces have withdrawn from Iraqi territory.

In a telephone message to correspondents in London on Sunday night, he said that the Turks were continuing to reinforce their troops inside Iraq all along the border, except in places where Kurdish guerrillas had confronted them and inflicted heavy casualties.

He referred to a clash on June 2 between the two sides at the village of Hoorhok, in Kani Massi district, in the province of Amadiyah. This village is only a few miles from the border. One Kurdish guerrilla was killed in the clash, he said, while the Turks suffered higher casualties and withdrew.

Mr Barzani also said that the Iraqi Army in Zakho, and in the districts of Kani Massi and Batoofa, was planning with the Turks to launch coordinated attacks on Kurdish positions. Iraqi and Turkish reconnaissance aircraft constantly flew over Kurdish positions in those areas, he said.

Meanwhile, the Iranian Kurdistan Democratic Party has disclosed that 59 Kurdish civilians were executed by Iranian Government forces in the Kurdish city of Mahabad on June 2.

The party, whose 12,000 full time guerrillas and 40,000 militia are resisting a new government offensive in the western mountains of Iran, says that the execution of their sympathizers was in retaliation for recent guerrilla successes in the area of Mahabad, the most nationalistic of the larger Kurdish towns in government possession.

An independent source told *The Times* in a telephone call from Kurdistan last week that government forces had managed to penetrate the Kurdish countryside to reach the Iraqi border at two points, west of the city of Sanandaj and west of the town of Baneh, some 60 miles further north.

Dr Abdorrahman Cassemlou, the main Kurdish leader in Iran, puts the number of government troops in the latest offensive at nearly 200,000.

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When you vote on Thursday, make sure you choose a candidate who understands this major issue of the proposed abolition of the GLC.

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Three Iranian oil wells on fire after Iraqi attack

Tehran (Reuters) - Mr Muhammad Gharazi, the Iranian Oil Minister said that three of his country's oil wells in the Gulf were on fire and a fourth was leaking oil into the sea as a result of Iraqi attacks, according to Iran's national news agency.

Mr Gharazi, made the disclosures on a visit to Khorramabad in Western Iran. A total of 17,000 barrels of oil per day was being wasted. The three burning wells were in the Nowruz field. No further details were given.

On May 21, Mr Mirza Taheri, the head of Iran's environment protection organization, spoke at a news conference of only two wells being on fire and a third leaking oil.

It was not immediately clear whether Mr Gharazi's statement meant another well had recently been hit, or whether there was some other reason for the apparent discrepancy in the figures.

Iran reported an Iraqi raid on offshore oil installations on May 25 but did not say if it caused any damage.

Mr Taheri said the broken wells had caused a slick covering 170 to 180 square

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OA leaders move to end Pinarri compromise

Leaders of the Opposition (OA) have moved to end the Pinarri compromise. The move is seen as a significant step towards ending the political uncertainty in the country. The OA leaders are demanding a more transparent and democratic process for the government's actions.

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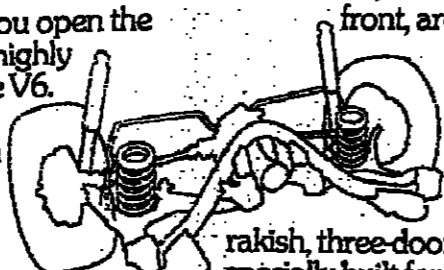
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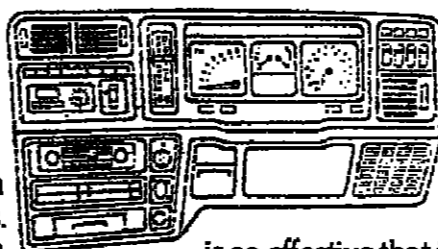
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we should explain that the mouldings below the waistline are designed to streamline the wheel arches. While that unique bi-plane spoiler

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Fit for the family

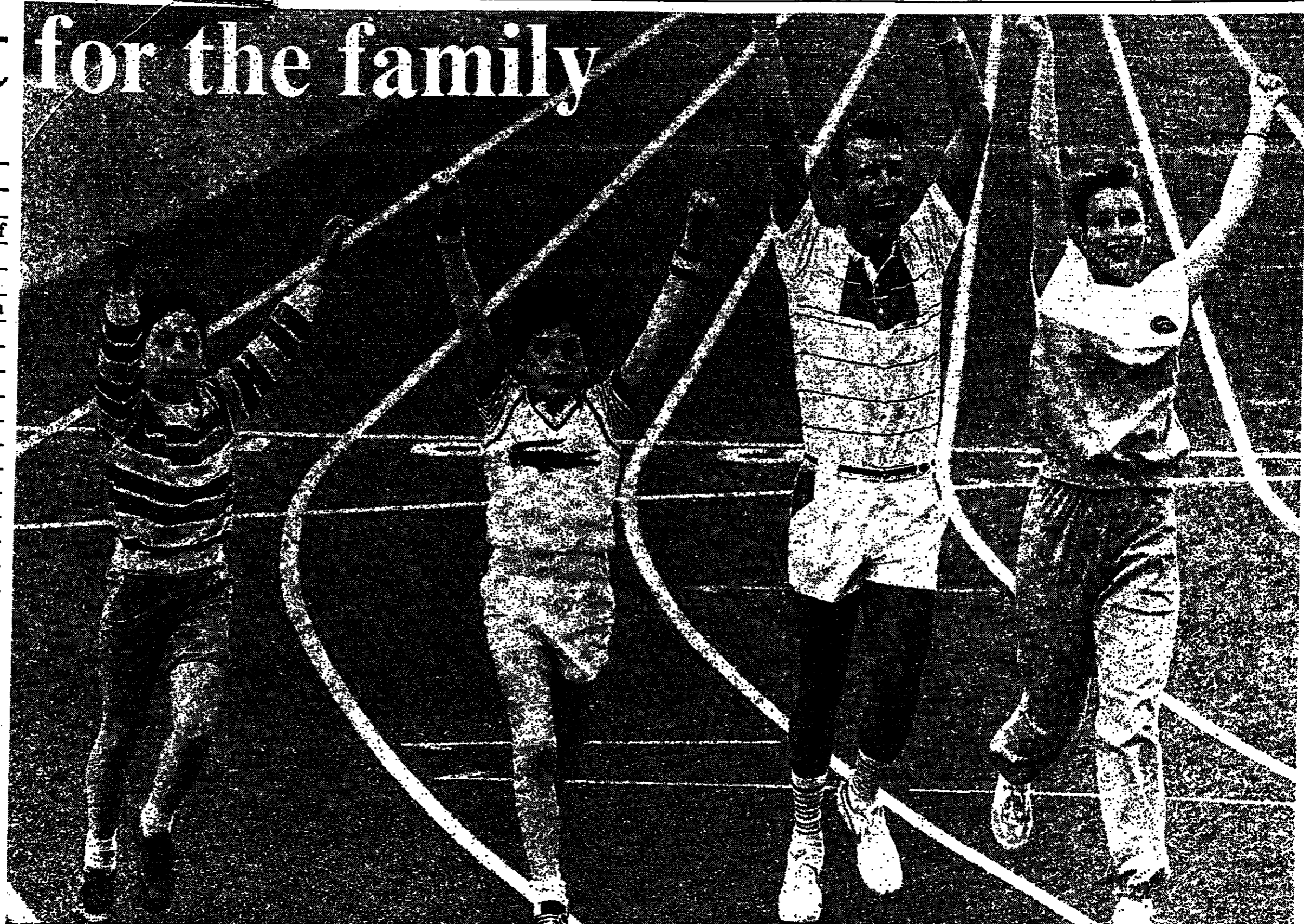
Sportswear is the success story of the Eighties. The unstoppable advance of the track suits and sports shirts, the leotards and sweats, is a reflection of the new urge for family fitness and health, serviced by the dance studios and sports centres. This summer, the entire fashion world - shops, stores, manufacturers and designers - has come up with the winning combinations.

Altering the image of a department store, they are like turning round a ship, a great deal of effort is expended before anyone notices a change of direction.

But when leading tennis stars and favoured customers gather for a pre-Wimbledon reception tomorrow night at Simpson Piccadilly, they will notice some significant changes. The store knows that, for the first time, it will be able to capitalize on the two weeks in the year when the entire family - and especially women - are tuned into sport. For casual clothes for children, as well as adults, have now taken over the second floor in an attempt to capture the family at play.

"We suddenly realized that a different kind of customer was coming in on Saturdays," says managing director Martin Moss. "There were the 30 year olds with their kids, all dressed in casual clothes. We want those young customers, and that's when we realized that we had to change the store."

Simpson's is a family business and it was Georgia Simpson (married to actor Anthony Andrews, a father of two young children and a keen horsewoman) who pushed the board to develop the sports business - and even take to the road with selling stands at equestrian events. She also helped to revolutionize the Jermyn Street side of the store, by creating the SUS/83 department for young girls and to support the introduction of cosmetics. The well dressed and well heeled gentlemen who used



to consider Piccadilly their preserve, have been given an elegant new suit room and all the ties fit to print in a neat neckwear department of their own.

Sportswear has been the key to the changes. So have women. The female merchandise gave a much needed fillip to dormant sales throughout the worst of the recession in retailing, according to Martin Moss. "The best thing that happened to this store was the recession", he says. "It made us recognize that we had a problem. It made us ask questions. We saw that the women's business was surviving best and we were able to build from there."

The aim to find a younger and broader base of customers to complement the loyal existing band began three years ago, when Martin Moss returned to the store after an absence of seven years in America. He says that he saw the strengths of Simpson as "excellence in tailoring, its service in workrooms and its sportswear". He also realized that to get the younger customers, they needed younger buyers and a swift reaction to what was happening at customer level in the store.

On to the board, under chairman Dr Leonard Simpson, came Richard Campbell-Walter and Sally Hunter, the women's merchandise director. Into the Daks collection (which is run

like a store-within-store) came fresh designs, like a suit cut on an Italian block with a much sharper silhouette. The idea of serving the family was a logical development of the rest.

My test of a department store is that it should be immediately distinctive and identifiable. In these days when fashion is widely distributed, there is a risk of finding clothes duplicated in different shops.

Simpson's pride themselves on the fact that high percentage of their merchandise is exclusive. This is often developed by working closely with a manufacturer - like the strong and colourful men's knitwear by Alan Paine. Martin Moss is eager to build up relationships

with fashion houses, as they have done with Lacoste by agreeing to stock all 24 sizzling colours of the famous sports shirt, or with Newmann, whose children's collection is well represented.

There are few "exclusive" designer labels apart from the now rather matronly Emilio Pucci beachwear and the Ted Lapidus Mini-Ted children's wear that is a star of the sports floor. But the store has been successful with designers like Jean Muir, especially with this season's new cotton collection, and there is a good range of the young British designers like Victor Herbert and Benny Ong.

Otherwise, Sally Hunter has succeeded in finding women's

clothes - many from abroad - that I do not see elsewhere, mostly in the medium price range and with the stamp of fashion, but not overwhelmed by it. A customer fashion adviser - on the model of American stores - is a new idea to smooth the creases out of shopping for customers who have not the time or the skills to put clothes together for themselves.

The real transformation is that Simpson's no longer looks like a tailoring business on eight floors, and that it does not feel like a man's store. The softening effect of sportswear is underlined on the casual floor by a collection of dance wear, with a Hot Gossip dancer on hand this

week as part of a general promotion about getting in shape for holidays. An exercise workout by a leotard-clad dancer, should convince the most traditional customers that women have made their mark.

Right to left: HER sky blue and baby pink sleeveless Lacoste track suit £53. Pink bobble socks £5, also in yellow or navy with white. Tennis shoes £18. Porsche watch. HIS white HCC sports shirt with geometric blocks of blue/red/green or yellow/white/navy £23. Matching HCC shorts with colour flashes £29. Striped tennis socks £5.50. Training shoes £15. Porsche watch.

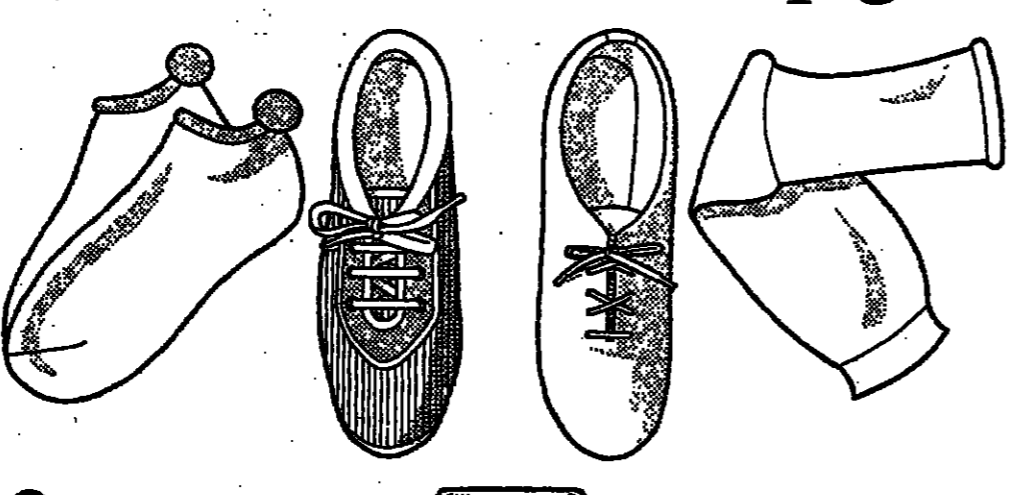
CHILD's alligator motif Lacoste slipover £23, white Lacoste shorts £15, striped sports shirt £12 in blue/white/red or blue/white/yellow. Sweat bands £3.50. CHILD's stripey Newman sweat shirt in green with yellow and red, or predominantly green or royal blue £21, sizes from four. Matching cotton shorts in green or red with bands of colour £15.50.

All from the Sports floor, Simpson, Piccadilly. Make-up by Lesley Chikles for CLINIQUE who will make-up and advise on sun care at Simpson this week.

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Right: towelling-lined women's training shoes in baby pink or blue with white, £5.99 and cotton/nylon tennis socks with pink, navy or blue ankle bobble top, both from selected branches of Marks & Spencer. Jogging was the key which opened up fashion interest in feet. The shoe business has been revolutionized by training shoes that are now the most popular footwear for active and spectator sports - and for the whole family. Sports shops sprout like wet-weather lawns in high streets all over the country, with names like Nike, Adidas and Lonsdale to the forefront of the race for quality and status. But the traditional shoe shops like the British Shoe Corporation have also been quick to grasp a new growth area for leisure footwear. Children, who are more foot fashion conscious than previous generations, persuade their parents to part with six times the sum once spent on the pimsol.

Sportswatch: Into top gear

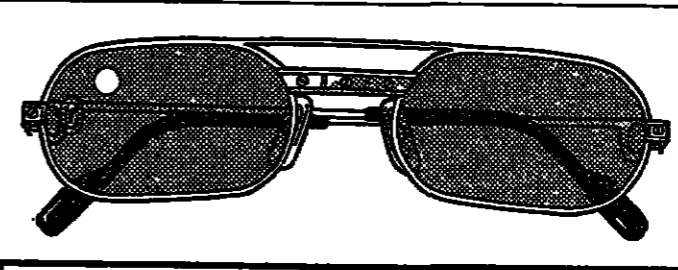


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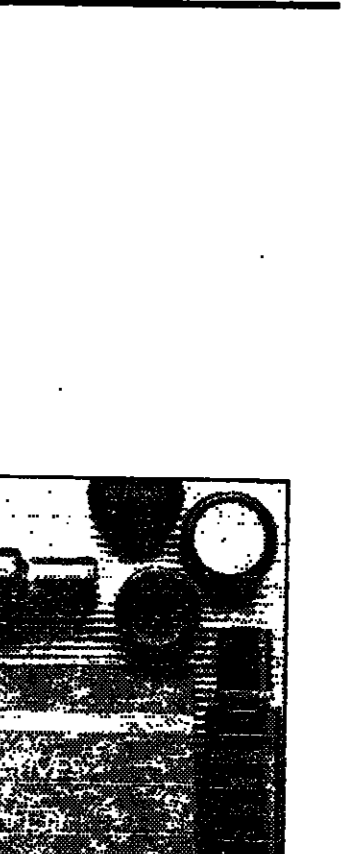
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Left: Giorgio Armani's polo shirt in fruity colours with contrast collar including yellow with grass green, tangerine with navy and rose with yellow, £29 from the new Browns Armani shop at 24 South Molton Street, W1. High fashion designers, especially American ones, have been quick to see the potential of sportswear. Norma Kamali's stylish "sweats" were introduced to Browns two years ago. Giorgio Armani's new shop, designed by Maurizio Perregalli, has a functional look and now houses the more sporty and less expensive Mani and Emporio collections as well as the Armani superstyle.

Left: white jazz shoes £17.50 by Man O' Leisure from Harrods Olympic Way; flat ankle warmers £2.50 from the American Legal dancewear range from Harrods Way in. Dance exercise clothes are the mushroom growth of the 1980s, sold in stores and now produced by hosiery companies like Aristoc or swimwear specialists Speedo. Danskinn have launched a new range of vibrant coloured leotards, and colour is also found at exercise studios like Pineapple and the Dance Centre in Covent Garden. Nona Summers (54 Glebe Place SW2) has an exclusive range including pin stripes and tiger prints. The dance group Fame is promoting its own dance wear by Juleston. In step with dance are two new exercise records, Typhoo's OO routine £2.67 from L.P. Offer, PO Box 92, Altrincham, Cheshire (cheques: Cadbury Typhoo Ltd) and Arlene Phillips Keep in Shape System album/cassette and book, £5.99 from Mulberry House, Canning Place, Liverpool L1 8HY (cheques: KISS offer).



Left: Cartier Santos sunglasses in alloy, trimmed in 22 carat gold, £140 from Cartier, 175 New Bond Street and Les Must boutiques in Harvey Nichols and the Inter-Continental Hotel. Cartier's latest venture, that they call "eye jewelry". Others in the market with designer sunglasses include the French Rochas and Rical (for Solar) and Emanuels.



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Right: sugar pink and white wrap-round tennis skirt in polyester, £5.99, sizes 10-16. Pink and white candy striped tennis top £7.98. Part of a range of tennis clothes, including colour coordinated dresses, shorts, track suit and towel from selected branches of Marks & Spencer. Nothing illustrates more clearly the runaway success of sportswear than the fact that Marks & Spencer has introduced a tennis range which is selling faster than Centre Court tickets. High Street stores have been selling related sportswear clothes as leisure wear, especially track suits. It is generally advisable to shop in proper sports stores such as Lilywhites for action clothes. But chain store sportswear has for a long time been a feature of shopping in America and must now be a trend for the future in the active 1980s.

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Wednesday Page: Learning the skills of parenthood; a bird in the wok; the Valium habit

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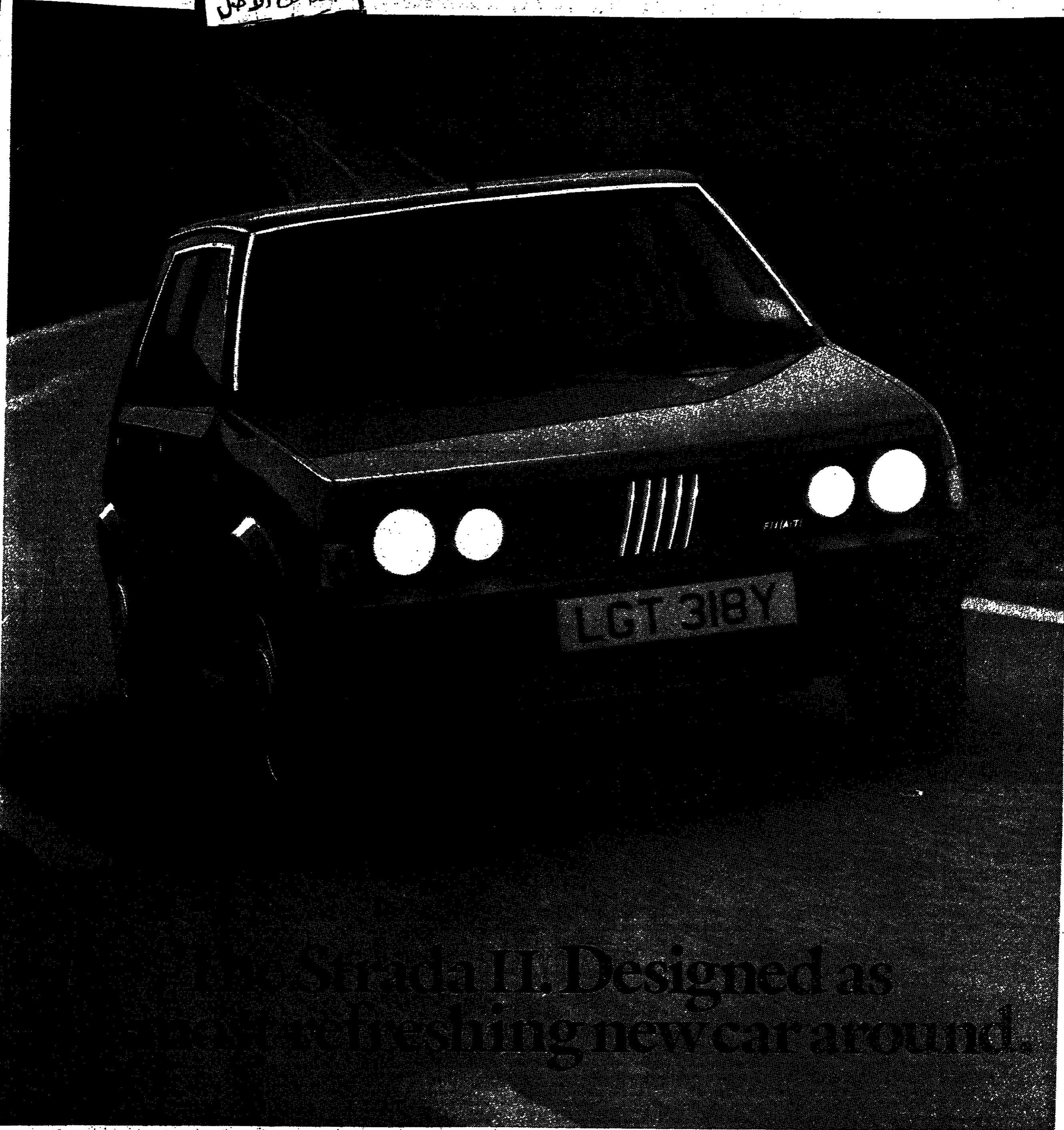
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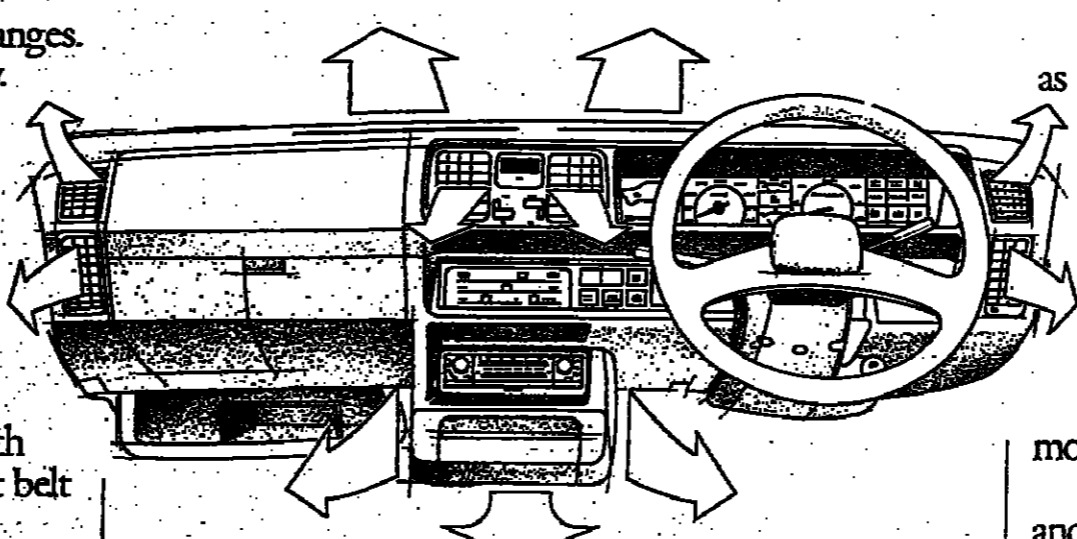
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In style

Isn't Denis Thatcher looking it rather prematurely? At yesterday morning's campaign conference at Smith Square he arrived in a chauffeur-driven Rover...

Middle-of-the-ode

My one-off candidate today is a Mr Stevenson... he doesn't disclose his Christian name... who is telling his putative constituents in Hampstead and Highgate that they have a choice between politicians and a poet...

Marriner first

Although he is the second most prolific conductor in the history of the gramophone, Neville Marriner has only just recorded his first opera. With some 300 LPs to his name...

Adults are welcome to sit in this garden... says a sign on the wall of the United Reformed Church, Dulwich Grove. Whatever happened to Mark 10, 14?

Plugging water

Having scored a world exclusive with news of the National Waterways Fortnight, the highest point of which was to be the transportation of 45 tonnes of rockfall by three narrowboats from Middlewich to Northampton...



It's the new police calculator. Add up a crowd and it automatically halves it!

Ken and Karl

Further evidence - if any is needed - that the Tories will be glad to see the back of the GLC. County Hall is providing £32,000 for a four-week Karl Marx exhibition later this year...

At the age of 44, Mari Cruz Gomez should have known better than to jump into the middle of a bullfight waving a red flag. But the Gery Madrileña described as 'slim blonde' by my male charismatist correspondent was out to prove a feminist point...

The pollsters, by a landslide

by David Butler

When, a generation hence, politicians reminisce about the election of 1983, they may talk of Margaret Thatcher's assertive walkover, her new zealith. They may cite those "own goals" scored by Labour in their divided ambles to defeat...

last three weeks would have been quite different. There would have been no assurance about the outcome. The Conservatives might still have been tipped as winners...

plainly not in prospect, more middle-of-the-road voters may shy away from the hazard of a devastating Conservative landslide. The polls show that people have misgivings about too big a victory...

fieldwork. The explanation always lay either in arrogant disregard of the "don't know's", or the "may not vote's" or, more often, in inadequate allowance for the possibility of a late swing.

From the announcement on May 9 until 10 days ago there was no change that could be considered significant. Then the Alliance moved up and Labour moved down. The latest message from the polls has still been about 45 per cent support for the Conservatives...

Have the polls transformed not only the nature of the election but also its result? Certainly they have fostered discussion of tactical voting and of the danger of land-slides. One irony of the Conservative appeal to vote Alliance is that the larger the Alliance vote, the bigger the Conservative majority would be.

Of course, the polls available to us today may be misleading indicators of what we shall do tomorrow. The last 30 years offer many examples of opinion poll disasters. The polling business seemed ended almost before it began when every American poll predicted that Dewey would trounce Truman in America in 1948...

Yet an election is about issues and not about predictions. Over the last few weeks it may have been the voting forecasts that have conditioned the behaviour of politicians and of voters, but a more important story told by the polls lies in their reports of reactions to issues and to leaders.

The election has come alive only in the race for second place. The triumphal decisiveness of the polls has taken the edge - if not the verve - from the battle. An election is not a sporting event and we need not weep for the collapse of the bookmakers' market as the Conservative favourites soar to an untempting 10-1 on.

If the Alliance does scramble ahead of Labour, the Conservative triumph will look even more overwhelming. But the Conservatives have good reason to project Labour as the main enemy, for Labour excites fear in the electorate in a way that the Alliance does not.

None of these errors was due to dishonesty or even to incompetence.

Table with 7 columns: Votes % (Con, Lab, All), Seats (Con, Lab, All), and majority over Lab. Data shows Labour at 44% votes and 27 seats, Alliance at 23% votes and 31 seats, Conservatives at 33% votes and 42 seats.

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Himalayan hopes, tropical thaw

Fred Halliday reports on progress towards a settlement of some of Asia's most intractable disputes

The present trend of world politics can hardly encourage use of the term "detente". The Williamsburg summit has backed President Reagan's hard line on the Geneva arms negotiations.

Yet in south and east Asia there are signs that the tide is moving towards a thaw. As Mrs Gandhi said in greeting President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan at the non-aligned summit in March...



India and Pakistan are a case in point. The process of normalisation after three wars began with the Simla agreement between Mrs Gandhi and Mr Bhutto in 1972. This restarted exchanges in trade, travel, culture and tourism.

without a change in the attitude of Peking. China has long provided military support to Islamabad, and after the Soviet intervention of December 1979 in Afghanistan China was keen to back the Afghan rebels with arms and diplomatic endorsement.

small scale compared to the clashes of 1979. It may be possible for China to accept a face-saving formula, one that would combine the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia with a termination of Chinese support for the Khmer Rouge.

Zia still refuses to negotiate directly with the Babrak Karmal government, but he is engaged in indirect negotiations with it through the United Nations. Pakistan now appears prepared to accept a communist Afghanistan, provided certain conditions are met.

name is ultimately Weian, and is apparently Ap Mauric, Glyn Daniel, who brought the matter to my attention, and who is of course Welsh, declares that it is a name that he has never met.

It is of course not new to assert that men of Bristol got to the New World before Columbus or Vesputius. A certain amount of interesting research has been done in the

It could still be a photo-finish

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John Pardoe

There were always two dangers in this election. The first was that the present Labour Party might gain power by any margin at all; the second that the present Conservative Party might gain power by too wide a margin.

If this sounds less than even-handed, it is only because of a question of competence. Labour at present is transparently unfit to govern. Whether it will ever be fit to govern again is an open question.

However the danger of a Labour government is over for the next four years at least. Mr Foot has virtually conceded defeat and the rest of his team have a better look about them.

Mrs Thatcher of course does not accept this fact. She still affects to believe that there is a danger of a Labour victory. She has taken to being kind to Labour, almost willing them to do better than they are.

Mrs Thatcher's reasons are both present and future. Probably all prime ministers fear defeat even when victory is staring them in the face.

In spite of this I rather doubt if she really thinks she can lose. But it suits her book to say so, both to keep her workers on their toes, and to discourage Conservative voters from going over to the Alliance.

Tomorrow: Jeck Bruce-Gardyne

Roger Scruton Our concrete case for keeping the marbles

When the seventh Earl of Elgin, who was then ambassador to the Sublime Porte in Constantinople, persuaded the imperial court to give him permission to study and restore the ruins of Greece, long years of neglect over the marbles for a century and a half.

That all may learn from whence the thunder came, The insulted wall sustains his hated name. For Elgin's fame this grateful Pallas pleads, Below his name - above, behold his deeds!

To whom, then, do the marbles belong? The question has three answers: legal, aesthetic and moral. The firmans which came from the Porte to Lord Elgin authorizing him to erect scaffolding around the Parthenon also allowed him "to take away any pieces of stone with old inscriptions or figures thereon".

She ought not to sound quite blatantly hungry for total power. Parliamentary democracy in Britain requires both government and opposition. It may be too meagre to say that a government is as good as its opposition but there is a element of truth in that.

What the Alliance offers both Conservative and Labour supporters is a wholly new choice. He was sent to vote for a party for the whole nation; a party for the common good; a party which is not based on class loyalty. It is certainly not a soft option. The Alliance manifesto contains far more challenges than promises.

There are enough voters in these groups to enable the Alliance to catch the Conservatives. It is a huge task. But its accomplishment would be so momentous that it is well worth striving - and voting - for.

The aesthetic argument tells us that the marbles belong with the Parthenon, and are integral to its beauty. When we consider the symbolic importance of the temple and all that it represents by way of history, civilization, and artistic achievement, we can only feel outrage that it remains disjointed from its necessary parts.

What then of the moral argument? The marbles, we are told, are part of the patrimony of Greece, and belong by right to the modern republic, heir to Athens and to the achievements of Athens. But what is the modern Greek republic? A fragile democracy which grew upon roots transplanted from Europe.

The patrimony of Athens exists only partly in marble form. The meaning of those marbles is to be found in literature, in law, in institutions, in public spirit which caused the Athenians to immortalize themselves in verse and stone. Who is heir to that spirit? Who adopted that literature, those laws, and those institutions? Of whom could it be said, during the long years of darkness when Greece did not exist as a nation, that the public spirit of Athens animated their conduct so that they were, in the words given to Pericles, "free and tolerant in private things, in public obedient to the law"?

Was Lord Elgin the legal owner of the marbles? Probably. If not, then the rightful owner was the Sublime Porte, which laid claim to the Acropolis as a public building of Athens. In which case the marbles now belong to the legal successor of the Porte. Some international lawyers would say that this is Greece, on the grounds that Greece has succeeded to all territorial rights which the Ottoman emperor previously asserted over the Greek dominions. Others would argue that

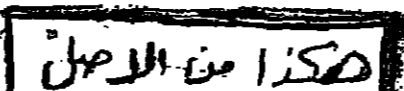
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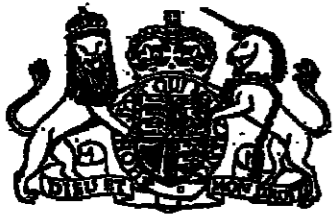
New words for old, by Philip Howard

I don't remember hearing the song Maggie May with which Mrs Thatcher playfully summed up her views about whether or not she was going to have an early election. But I have to tell her that it has unfortunate connotations.

always believed, and so say those authorities that care to chance their arms. (Parenthesis: Labrador was the first European name on the continental mainland. In Portuguese it means a farmer or worker on the land. In 1492 the King of Portugal granted a commission to Joao Fernandez Labrador to seek for new lands in the north-west ocean.

The discovery of America is a notorious obsession of amateur scholars and nutters. It is a subject which attracts them as surely as the meaning of Stowehead, the innkeeper of Richard III, the Hitler Diaries, and the Low Tribes of Israel. Maybe the etymology of America is another such topic. The most remarkable recent derivation was made by Barry Fell, who was until recently a professor of marine biology at Harvard, and who has just published a book called Bronze Age America. Professor Fell's suggestion is that the name America is derived from a Libyan word meaning "land across the ocean".





COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 6: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Anglo-Swedish Society...

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 6: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of The Girl Guides Association...

Fortcoming marriages

Mr E. P. Bickarsteth and Miss C. D. Longhurst
The engagement is announced between their eldest son...

Birthdays today

Signor Pietro Annigoni, 73; His Honour Sir Carl Arvid, 76; Sir John Biggs-Davison, 65...

Sir Thomas Pike

A service of thanksgiving for the life of a Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Thomas Pike will be held in the Royal Air Force Church of St Clement Danes...

St Edward's School

The following awards have been made: Alexander Gordon 1st Prize in the Scholastic Public Poetry Competition...

Newsagents set hopes on new technology

Significant changes in trading methods were forecast by the leader of Britain's newsagents at their annual conference in Blackpool yesterday.

Luncheon

Royal Warrant Holders Association
The Lord Mayor was the guest of honour at the annual luncheon of the Royal Warrant Holders Association...

Dinners

Anglo-Swedish Society
The Duke of Edinburgh was the guest of honour and proposed the toast to the Anglo-Swedish relations...

Receptions

HM Government
Lord Lyell was host at a reception held yesterday in Edinburgh Castle on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Berne Union in Scotland.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mrs N. M. Catechopoulos to be co-chairman of the Women's National Council...

Memorial service

Captain Sir Cecil Boyd-Rochford
The Queen was represented by Lord Forster at the Memorial Service for Captain Sir Cecil Boyd-Rochford...

Western Australian Foundation Day
The annual Western Australian Foundation Day commemorative service was held yesterday in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy...

Action Research for the Crippled Child

All tickets for the Bal Masque, to be held on June 20 at Sutton Place in aid of Action Research for the Crippled Child, have been sold.



The George I green lacquer cabinet which fetched £81,000. (Photograph: John Manning)

Sale records tumble at Godmersham Park

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent
As the sheep gently grazed in the sunlit meadows of Godmersham Park, near Canterbury, yesterday the rich descended on the beautiful eighteenth-century brick mansion...

Talks on broadleaved trees in South-east fail

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent
Talks to end the argument about the amount of broadleaved tree cover existing in south-east England have failed to produce a compromise.

Award for a teacher who held intruder

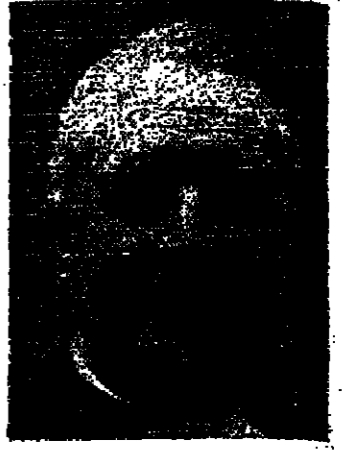
Mrs Josephine Morley, a nursery school head teacher, who saved her children's party fund by making a citizen's arrest, is to receive an award tomorrow for her 'prompt and brave action'.

Getty museum cautioned on heritage exports

By Frances Gibb
A stern warning to the Getty Museum, in Malibu, California, that a British government might use unrepented wartime powers to stop heritage exports if the museum seeks to buy further British art treasures is given in an editorial in a leading art journal published yesterday.

OBITUARY THE REV DR ERIC ABBOTT Former Dean of Westminster

The Rev Dr Eric Abbott, KCVO, Dean of Westminster from 1959 to 1974, died on June 6 at the age of 77. Eric Symes Abbott was born on May 26, 1906. He went to Nottingham High School, whence he passed with a classical scholarship to Jesus College, Cambridge, in 1925.



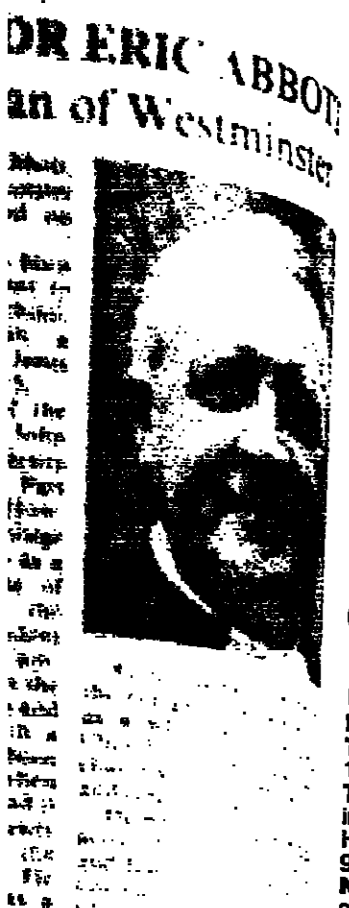
At the same time he found the energy to serve the Church as a whole and the Anglican Church in particular as the chairman of numerous councils and committees. He was deeply concerned and active for Westminster School and found time to pay frequent one-day visits to the Community of the Epiphany at Truro of which he was Warden.

SIR ANTHONY LEWIS

Sir Anthony Lewis, CBE, who died on June 5 at the age of 68, made a distinguished contribution to English musical life in many areas. Scholar, conductor, administrator, teacher, editor and composer, he was influential in setting scholarly standards of the performance of pre-classical music and in reviving for performance numbers of previously little-appreciated works, especially Handel's operas.

SIR HERBERT BROADLEY

Sir Herbert Broadley, KBE, who died on June 2 at the age of 90, had been a Civil Servant in the years before, during and just after the First World War, before going into advertising in the 1920s where he remained until the outbreak of the Second.



Investment and Finance

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STOCK EXCHANGES FT index 703.4, up 5.0... Nikkei Dow Jones index 8,505.92, down 14.59...

CURRENCIES LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.5765 up 1 cent... NEW YORK LATEST Gold \$411.50 Sterling \$1.5608

INTEREST RATES Domestic rates: 3 month interbank 10 1/2% = 10 1/4%

PRICE CHANGES Barclays Bank 490p, up 12p... Shell 530p, down 6p

TODAY Interlist Associated Fisheries, Deelkraal Gold, Doornfontein Gold...

Fitch queries Safeway offer Fitch Lovell has asked Safeway Stores to clarify its recent 44.8m offer...

CAR SALES UP: Car sales last month rose 20 per cent compared with May last year...

MORE FAILURES: Trade Indemnity reports that business failures notified by its policyholders last month rose by 13 per cent...

AUROKA DETAILS: Details of the £20m capital reconstruction for Aurora, the steel and engineering company...

Dow dips after early gain

The Dow Jones Industrial average lost about 4 points after an early gain of about 3 points. Declining issues moved ahead to advances after trailing earlier in moderate trading.

International Business Machines was 1 1/2% off, Procter & Gamble 3/4% off, American Express 68% off...

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\$450m US bid for gas group

Houston (AP-Dow Jones) - Coastal Corporation, only weeks after announcing severe cost-cutting, is making a \$450m (£284m) tender offer for 52 per cent of the shares of Texas Gas Resources Corporation.

Coastal, primarily an oil and gas exploration and production and natural-gas pipeline company...

But Coastal's offer seems to reflect a growing belief in the energy industry that the price of oil has reached bottom and, consequently, better times lie ahead.

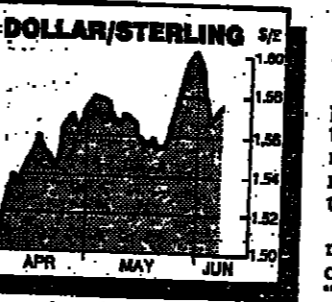
Technology will change mail order business Shilling trade comes of age

The business which began in the 1920s, with families chipping in a shilling or two into a club to buy clothes, today sees up to nine million glossy mail order catalogues being distributed around Britain each year.

City optimism over election and oil prices strengthen sterling

Sterling rallied sharply on the foreign exchange yesterday after its losses at the end of last week. Reassured by the deal of a cut in the Nigerian oil price...

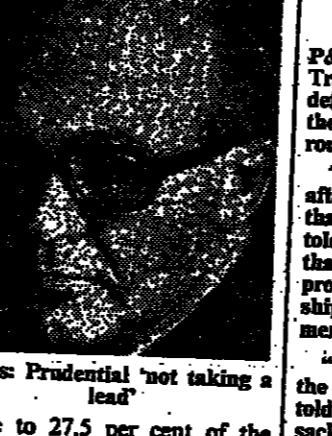
Further falls in the gold price. In London gold closed down \$5 to \$407.00 but the shake-out continued in the New York market with the price falling below \$400.



that the US authorities may tighten policy, causing US interest rates to rise. The markets are expecting poor money supply figures for the next two weeks...

Prudential closer to defence of Tilling

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Arthur Prudential 'not taking a lead' stake to 27.5 per cent of the group.

Both sides remain confident that they are going to win in what promises to be a close finish. And both have had talks with the 30 plus institutions which have sizeable holdings...

Mexican trade surplus reduces debt fears

The prospect of Mexico not being able to service its debts receded yesterday with the announcement of a \$4.3bn trade surplus in the first four months of the year.

will provide enough dollars for the interest on these - the rescheduled over eight years - as the loans fall due.

US relaxes currency rule Washington, (AP-Dow Jones) - Mr Beryl Sprinkel, US Undersecretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs...

attempt to change the market equilibrium levels of currencies in the absence of changes in monetary and fiscal policies.

Defence twist in P & O fight

The war of words between P&O and its unwanted suitor, Trafalgar House, over whether defence interests are an issue in the £290m bid entered another round yesterday.

Britain's booming trade with India is to be encouraged with a series of workshops and seminars during the next few months.

Lotus decision soon on refinancing plans

The future of Group Lotus, the controversial sports car manufacturer, could be decided at a board meeting on June 23.

Help for India trade Britain's booming trade with India is to be encouraged with a series of workshops and seminars during the next few months.

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Mr Fred Bushell, Lotus chairman, yesterday refused to rule out the possibility that some of these parties might be foreign companies or that Toyota, the Japanese car manufacturer which is jointly interested in the development of Lotus's M9 mass production sports car, was one of them.

As Lotus shares soared 6p to 52p, a new high for the year, Mr Bushell said: "I would confidently announce that we will be able to announce a successful conclusion to the refinancing discussions shortly. I am not ruling out a substantial injection of new equity."

Help for India trade

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Mr Colin Imrey, Britain's deputy high commissioner in Delhi, will speak at the Birmingham

Tremors beneath the oil calm

Ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have made much of the recent calm in the oil market. But appearances can be deceptive, as the members of the Opec price-monitoring committee which meets in Paris tomorrow are well aware.

Rumours that Nigeria was to cut its price were hotly denied, but it remains uncertain how the West African producer can keep below its quarterly production ceiling.

The source of this restlessness is that the anticipated rise in demand has not materialized. The Kuwaiti oil minister forecast last week that average Opec output in the last quarter of 1983 could be 18 million barrels a day.

If demand does not pick up, Opec members will come under even greater financial pressure. What the market sees now is the first signs of renewed competition for bigger market shares.

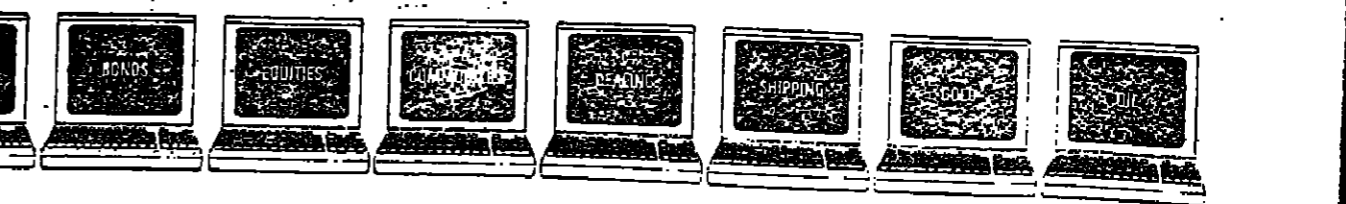
This is especially disturbing for Britain. Last week's tremors in the currency market showed how vulnerable sterling is. The next government will have serious budgetary problems even without a fall in the oil price.



Remember the Quaint Old Days before the Reuter Monitor?

On 4 June the Reuter Monitor celebrated its tenth birthday. Older hands who remember the quaint old days in foreign exchange will confirm just what a significant event the anniversary marks.

This allows dealers to use their Reuter terminals to negotiate and transact deals in a fraction of the time taken by telex or telephone.



EXCELLENCE IN NEWS

Unctad ple... on aid to Third World

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Marketing and Advertising: Torin Douglas

Freesheets shed their Cinderella status

Which is the fastest-growing advertising medium in Britain? It is not television, despite the fact that television expenditure grew by 14 per cent last year.

It is not radio, despite the fact that new stations are coming on the air every few months. It is the humble freesheet which, according to the latest Advertising Association figures, saw advertising revenue grow by 31 per cent last year, on top of a 25 per cent increase the year before.

Free distribution newspapers, to give them their proper - though little-used - titles, are starting from a much smaller base than television, which makes such percentage increases easier to attain. Nevertheless, their growth rate is little short of astonishing.

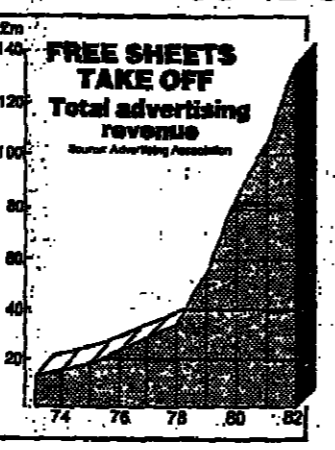
In 1979, according to the Advertising Association statistics, the freesheets took £35m in advertising revenue, almost exactly the same figure as the independent local radio stations, and considerably less than the £37m spent on poster advertising.

In principle at least, they satisfy all the requirements we would wish of a local newspaper - they give blanket coverage of an area, which is something that paid-for papers cannot do, they have guaranteed circulations and their rates are cheaper.

A recent analysis by Mr Cox's agency shows that there are at present 545 free newspapers with a total circulation of 24 million.

The biggest share of the market is held by Westminster Press, which has 77 titles with a circulation of 1.9 million, or 8 per cent of the total.

Perhaps the most significant feature of the freesheets at the moment, however, is their revenue profile. In contrast to the paid-for weekly papers, which get more than 60 per cent of their income from classified advertising, the free newspapers obtain almost 60 per cent of their revenue from display advertising.



FREE SHEETS TAKE OFF
Total advertising revenue
Source: Advertising Association

record number of job advertisements classified revenue is still doing little more than bottoming-out.

While the newspaper's boast was accurate, it came about largely because advertisers are insisting on their advertisements appearing in a particular day's paper, so it came at the expense of fewer job advertisements in other editions that week.

Companies are running smaller job advertisements than they used to; whereas once a recruitment advertisement could be seen as a form of corporate advertising, demonstrating that a company was doing well, companies now want to make less of a splash when they employ people, since they may well be laying others off in different areas.

All in all, the freesheets' boom is the only sign of comfort for the press in last year's revenue figures, since all other sectors have seen their share of the market decline in the face of the insupportable rise of television. Last year, television accounted for 29.7 per cent of the £3,126m spent on advertising. Only two years before, its share had been 27.1 per cent and in 1973 it was only 24.0 per cent.

may be imagined what they would look like without the freesheet boom.

Mr Cox of Boase, Massimi maintains that without the impetus that the free newspapers have given the local sector, regional newspapers would now be in steep decline, and he reports that the banks are still keen to be between the paid-for papers and the free. In particular, like many observers, he sees little sense in the free newspaper publishers being excused, as they are, from the Regional Newspaper Advertising Bureau.

"There seems little doubt that the free distribution local paper is a permanent feature of the marketplace," he says. "Therefore the major task should be seen as 'How do we increase the size of the cake so that we all benefit?' rather than just as a fight between free and paid-for."

The one big concern over the free newspapers is editorial quality. Many communities worry that they are losing a "real" newspaper covering local issues and providing crucial information to its readers because advertisers are forsaking it for a paper that carries little news coverage. The Association of Free Newspapers is well aware of this problem and is anxious to tackle it at its conference this year.

Economic notebook
Why banking's pace of change is so critical

Mr Edward Telling, chairman of the Chicago-based retail group Sears Roebuck, said last month that he intended to expand even further in the United States financial scene. As American bankers quietly shuddered, their United Kingdom counterparts can count their blessings that, for the moment anyway, it can't happen here.

Sears Roebuck is probably the most dramatic example of non-banks entering the United States financial scene. Sears, a household name throughout the United States, has a network of 850 stores and 2,400 catalogue outlets and sells everything from computers to lawnmowers. It has sold insurance since the 1930s and has a sizeable share of the automobile, home contents and life assurance markets.

Towards the end of 1981, Sears took over leading brokerage house, Dean Witter, and real estate agents, Coldwell Banker. It followed this up by opening financial supermarkets in some of its larger stores, selling a range of broking, insurance, mortgage and banking services.

The supermarket experiment appears to have been a success and the company has moved from its starting point of eight pilot financial service centres in July of last year to 41 today.

is offer a combination of money market rates of interest and limited cheque facilities. This package hurts the banks as it is particularly attractive to their profitable upscale customers: Save & Prosper alone has attracted more than £150m since January.

It is difficult to assess how far and how fast boundaries will continue to break down. If you believe the prophets, then you are at the beginning of a revolution in worldwide retail banking.

Advances in information technology will mean that a customer will increasingly conduct financial transactions with his or her plastic card and through terminals at home or place of work. The new payment systems will allow building societies, financial service companies and other non-banks to compete for the more profitable areas of bank business.

Mr Dennis Child, deputy chief executive at NatWest said after a recent day of futuristic gazing: "I agree there will be change: I agree in the broad direction you say things could move. But what will be the pace of the change?"

ment in payment systems eats up a tremendous amount of capital and technical expertise and takes many years to pay its way. If banks defensively rush into new systems, they risk abortive capital investments and large losses.

Nowhere is the debate clearer than in the area of home banking. At one end of the spectrum Mr Richard Lipp, of Chemical Bank, describes a world where the postal service delivering bits of paper from door to door will seem medieval. Instead, people will carry out their business and financial transactions from the comfort of their own home with computer terminal and television screen.

At the other end of the spectrum stand hard bitten retail bankers who consider home banking at best a decadent self-indulgence and at worst an irrelevant distraction from the serious job of servicing their large branch network.

So where does that leave us? An easy answer is to say that the market will sort it out. Banks which assess what their customers want and harness technology will survive and prosper. Those that get it wrong, and this could be either an individual organization or the entire retail banking industry, will fail. The new technology will mean no shortage of entrepreneurs to take their place.

WHERE ADVERTISERS' MONEY GOES

Table showing the percentage of total advertising revenue for various media from 1975 to 1982. Categories include National newspapers, Regional newspapers, Magazines & periodicals, Trade & technical, Directories, Total Press, Television, Poster & transport, Cinema, and Radio.

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

Large table listing various financial units and insurance funds with columns for Name, Bid Offer Yield, and other financial metrics. Includes sub-sections for Authorized Units, Insurance Funds, and Insurance Bonds.

MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Cloud over UBM price

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings begin, June 8; Dealings end, June 17; Contango Day, June 20; Settlement Day, June 27.

It looks as though a recent strong run at the UBM Group, the builders' merchant and an old takeover favourite, may be over for the time being. Last week the shares hit a year's high of 93p after the group reported a bumper set of figures showing a turnaround from a loss of £2m to a profit of £2.6m. For the current year the market is talking of pre-tax profits of £6m.

But this appears to have made little impression on one large seller of 3 million shares, or 5.12 per cent of the equity, who has been trying to unload his stake at the 92p level. One broker refused to handle the order and another appears to have met with little success after several attempts at placing the stake. Cogey Holdings, a subsidiary of Newhall, the Sir Robert McAlpine construction group, holds 8.1 per cent and is tipped as the most likely seller. But a spokesman for Newhall said the company never comments on its investment policies. However, if the market is eventually forced to take up all 3 million shares it is likely to have an adverse impact on the share price.

The rest of the equity market opened the election account on a firm note with the FT Index closing at its high for the day 5.0 up at 703.4. But trade was described as pitifully thin with investors still unwilling to commit themselves ahead of Thursday's polls. Gilts scored gains of up to 1/2

conglomerate, was a firm market climbing 12p to 192p ahead of full-year figures expected next week. The market is looking for a small improvement of about £2m on last year's total of £40m. But Mr Dennis Allport, chairman, last night scuttled market hopes that the figures would be accompanied by the terms of the sale of the group's South African interests. Earlier this year Metal Box entered into talks with Barlow Rand with a view to merging packaging interests.

Speculation that a bid worth 250p a share is being prepared for House of Fraser sent its shares spiralling to 220p at one stage yesterday before they slipped to 216-14p up on the day.

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Shares of Flaxley jumped 23p to a high of 723p yesterday sparked off by talk of a large buying order from the US. One firm of brokers was said to have picked up more than a million shares in a bid on behalf of American investors. But a spokesman for Flaxley denied this was the prelude to news of a major contract soon to be announced.

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RECENT ISSUES table with columns for company name, issue size, and price.

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COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL table with columns for company name, price, and yield.

Shares of International Signal and Control group, which sells the technology to make cluster bombs, have risen to record levels. Profits a week today are expected to comfortably top the pre-tax figure forecast when the company went public last autumn.

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Speculation that a bid worth 250p a share is being prepared for House of Fraser sent its shares spiralling to 220p at one stage yesterday before they slipped to 216-14p up on the day.

Hambros Bank is known to have put together a consortium of institutions and businesses which has approached Mr Roland 'Tiny' Rowland's Lon-

don, Fraser's largest shareholder. But he turned down the bid and Hambros is unlikely to revive the consortium until Mr Rowland is a willing seller.

Mr Paul Spicer, a Lonrho director, said yesterday, "I know of no new approach."

Mr Spicer also repeated his

Shares of Flaxley jumped 23p to a high of 723p yesterday sparked off by talk of a large buying order from the US.

denial that Lonrho may be about to compromise with the main Fraser board on the issue of whether Harrods should be hired off - due to be considered

again at a shareholders meeting on June 30. However, speculation that a development on the demerger front is imminent, refuses to die down.

The main Fraser board is facing defeat over the issue at the extraordinary general meeting. Suggestion the firm profits might obviate the need for board changes at Rank Organisation cut no ice with the institutions.

Changes announced at the March annual meeting are going ahead, says one end the shares recovered an early penny fall to close unchanged at 155p.

Shares of FMC, the meat processing group, were suspended at 46p pending and announcement from the company later today. The National Farmers Union with about 70 per cent of the shares is hoping to sell its stake to reduce debts and interest charges.

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Norwegian oil stake sought by Volvo

Stockholm (Reuters) - Sweden's biggest carmaker, Volvo is seeking a 20 per cent stake in Saga Petroleum, one of three Norwegian oil companies operating in the North Sea, as the latest step in its policy of diversifying from vehicles into the oil business.

In 1979 Volvo tried to transfer 40 per cent of its stock to Norway in an oil-for-cars deal, but the plan met political opposition in Norway and was vetoed by Volvo's Swedish shareholders.

A statement from Volvo says that it would have the right to buy 20 per cent of Saga's oil production, which is due to rise to nine million barrels a year by 1990, from an estimated two million barrels this year.

Volvo's new strategy began last September when it took a minority stake in Hamilton Brothers Petroleum, a small US oil company with North Sea interests.

Volvo says the agreement with Saga, which would give the oil company the right to buy 6 per cent of Volvo's stock by 1993, is still subject to the approval of the Norwegian and Swedish authorities.

The car company says that its proposed stake in Saga, which would cost NKr408m (£36m) is part of a move to raise nearly NKr1,000m for the oil group with a new rights share issue and a debenture loan.

EEC move on tied pubs attacked

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

A proposed "English clause" in new EEC regulations affecting tied tenants of brewery-owned pubs has come under fire from a European Parliament committee.

It would be "a charter for abuse of a dominant market position", according to Mr Kenneth Collins, the British chairman of the parliamentary committee on the environment, public health and consumer protection.

The charge is made in a letter to Mr Frans Andriessen, EEC commissioner for competition.

Mr Collins urges that if such a big change were made at the last minute in regulations due to operate from next month, time should be given for further consultations. That would mean delay in bringing in the regulations.

Discussions on the final draft have been going on for some weeks. In the draft the tie



Andriessen; he has been told of suggested changes



Collins: "... a charter for abuse of a dominant market position."

remains on draught and most packaged beers, a position supported by the Brewers Society and the National Union of Licensed Victuallers.

But the regulations as they stand would force pub tenants to buy non-beer goods including wine, spirits and soft drinks. This has been supported by the

would cover several factors including pricing.

But Mr Collins is worried that there could be problems because of the weak bargaining position of tenants. The NULV has pointed out that tenants, even if offered goods at prices not less favourable than elsewhere, could still be disadvantaged because of the big volume discounts on offer to outlets like supermarkets.

Mr Collins' committee at its last meeting decided there was "little justification" for keeping the tie on non-beer supplies. Mr Collins told Mr Andriessen: "The suggested changes would not appear to meet the Commission's intended objective of reducing barriers to trade."

A debate in the European Parliament on the issue is to be held before the July deadline, possibly next Thursday.

Britain's brewers, in arguing against the relaxation of the tie, have warned that the character of the English pub is at risk.

Cash crisis averted at Eastern Airlines

Miami (AP-Dow Jones) - Nearly 16,000 management and other non-union employees of Eastern Airlines have approved a plan to divert 10 per cent of their pay into two in-house investment programmes, according to the airline.

The action is expected to defuse a potential financial crisis for the airline, whose lenders have linked any new loans to the acceptance of wage concessions and improved labour relations at the airline.

If its pilots and the International Association of Machinists go along with the wage-deferral plan, Eastern will save about \$20m (£12.5m) by the end of 1984, according to an Eastern spokesman. "The pilots look like they are going to go along with us too", he said.

The machinists' union has agreed to let its 12,000 members participate in the plan on an individual basis. But leaders of the two big pilots' union branches have opposed it.

Eastern posted a \$60.7m loss for the first quarter.

Under the wage-deferral programme, 6.5 per cent of each worker's pay will be withheld and invested in bonds paying 5 per cent interest - the bonds eventually can be converted into common stock. An additional 3.5 per cent will be invested in a programme that guarantees repayment with interest by June 1988.

Japan's latest feat of memory power

Kumamoto City (NYT) - The symbol of Japan's huge semiconductor industry - the 64K random access memory microchip - was developed on this verdant plain on the island of Kyushu.

It is also the point from which the leading companies of Japan's microchip industry will be introducing a new generation of computer memories and will be entering a phase that could be decisive in the battle with American chip makers

After years of research, the Japanese are exporting the 256K RAM, a computer chip with four times the memory power of the 64K.

But all the concern in the United States about Japan's success in the 64K market - and its headstart in the 256K business - has made Japan appear an indomitable force in the semiconductor industry.

However, the Japanese have not yet done well in the newer product areas, said Mr John J.

Lazio Jr, senior technology analyst at Hambrecht & Quist.

But the Japanese take one product at a time and then move on. So American semiconductor companies do have cause for concern.

But the Japanese are not without problems. The timing of the shift to full-scale 256K production will be tricky. Japanese companies such as NEC, Hitachi and Fujitsu, which have invested large sums into 64K manufacturing have

not yet recovered those investments. And although they have made big strides in large-scale memories, they are behind with other semiconductor products.

American semiconductor makers, for example, are ahead in logic chips.

Accordingly, Datquest, a Californian market research company estimated that the US chip industry still accounted for about 43 per cent of the \$14.6bn world semiconductor market last year.

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US budget goes to Congress committee

Washington (Reuters) Members from the two chambers of Congress meet this week to try to shape a 1984 budget, but Congressional sources say the prospects are bleak that anything will be done to cut the massive United States deficits drastically.

The House of Representatives and the Senate have been wrestling for nearly six months over the budget for the financial year beginning on October 1.

Each chamber has passed its own spending package, and the final resolution on the budget now rests with a conference committee of members from both houses.

The leading industrial countries voiced deep concern over the size of the United States deficits and their impact on the world economy, when they met at the Williamsburg summit.

President Reagan, according to senior Administration officials, hoped to use their statement to force Congress to reduce significantly the deficits through domestic spending cuts.

But aides to the budget negotiators see little likelihood of a big cut in deficits emerging from this week's talks.

Furthermore, there is no guarantee that the conference committee can arrive at a budget that will be approved by both chambers.

The committee must reconcile differences between the Republican-controlled Senate budget proposal which calls for \$849.7bn in spending, and the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives proposal which calls for \$863.6bn on spending.

Some Congressional negotiators and their aides are somewhat perturbed at the indictment of United States budget deficits contained in the Williamsburg summit declaration.

One aide said that the document, which was endorsed by Mr Reagan, was "a farce" because it was the President's economic programme of increased defence spending and big tax cuts that was largely responsible for making the deficits so high.

Opposition Democrats and members of Mr Reagan's Republican Party rewrite his budget, primarily because they were unhappy with his \$200bn plus deficits and his planned increase in defence spending at a time when further cuts in domestic programmes were being proposed.

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A sixth-former looks at training prospects

Finding a way through the computer maze

How easy is it for the computer-smitten school leaver to gain information that will help to plot a way through a university course or industrial training? Benedict Knox, a sixth-former at the City of London School, wanted just such information. This is his report:

The choice of areas in which people work with computers is vast. The rapid increase in vacancies stems not only from the computer explosion, but also because in the past the large organisations have tended to recruit from within. They are now finding that this internal recruitment is insufficient to meet the demands of their expanding computer departments.

As a result of this expansion many young people are considering the possibility of a career in this field, particularly those who have had some contact with computers at home or at school.

In fact, obtaining comprehensive information about the multitude of different jobs available is none too simple.

From my own experience the quest for information and advice on careers in computing can take a great deal of time and be expensive, at times the detection powers of Sherlock Holmes on the one hand and the wisdom of Solomon on the other, are needed to penetrate the "dross" of some advertising and publicity material sent out: "You too can be a computer programmer".

For some time I have been collecting information about different career opportunities

offered by the computer industry and by organisations using computer systems.

My school's careers office reference library provided many leaflets and brochures describing the most common kinds of jobs available, and also the addresses of companies, careers advisory services and other sources of information.

While the resources available to careers offices are necessarily limited and phot-reproduction equipment is expensive, retrieving and copying information manually is time-consuming. Another problem is the time and expense of mailing enquiries to individual organisations, many of whom take weeks to reply.

Those at school or university seeking information about a career in computers are invited to write to us about their experiences.

For the most part the information I received consisted of "facts sheets" which gave a rather superficial account of the types of work available and usually were restricted to descriptions of the same five categories: programming, systems analysis, computer operating, data preparation and word processing. These tend to be more readily available in large enterprises using main-frame computers, and from my inquiries so far only one organization (the Inner London Education Authority's Central London Careers Office) appears to be putting out information

about the rapidly growing field of micro-computing.

Other sources of information are the British Computer Society (BCS), the National Computer Centre (NCC), and the Careers and Occupational Information Centre (COIC).

The BCS is a professional association for people working with computers, and was founded 25 years ago. They put out four brochures, which present information in a standard question-and-answer format on the principal career areas, plus a general information leaflet. The brochures cover questions such as: what a particular job involves; educational requirements; career prospects, etc. The leaflet describes the aims of the society and lists sources of further information.

The NCC was set up by the government in 1966 for the purpose of promoting the effective use of computers. The centre issues two leaflets dealing with job opportunities for school-leavers and graduates. This material is similar to that issued by BCS, but with additional information on salaries, and recommending one of their publications, *Working with Computers*, which was not enclosed.

The COIC, part of the Manpower Services Commission, sent me their computer careers "pack", which is available in most careers reference libraries. Included were a "Career Outline", a "Career Special", which provided information similar to NCC, only in greater depth, and one of the

Manpower Services Working in... booklets, which provides a good introduction to computer applications with short descriptions of various jobs written by people working in them.

Many of the leaflets I received stated that "no previous knowledge or experience of computing is required for entry to training courses"; yet many unexplained technical terms are used, and these could be both daunting and unclear to the newcomer.

In addition to sending away for information, there are other sources - for example training courses and specialized careers lectures. I attended one last year which



was organized jointly by the ILEA and the London Junior Chamber of Commerce, which was concerned with management in commerce and industry. The importance of this course for me was that as well as lectures and discussion groups it provided an opportunity to observe the workings of a major company - in my case NCR Computers, the choice of which was governed by my stated interest in a career in computers. This experience gave me practical contacts and insights and the chance to discuss with a typical employer various aspects of higher education and their relevance to career opportunities.

This initial survey has been necessarily limited in scope, and unfortunately both official careers advisory organisations, and companies concerned with computer development or utilisation, have been slow to respond to inquiries.

It is clear that much needs to be done to improve both access to, and scope of, information aimed to assist aspiring computer scientists and technicians to identify the various options open to them and to make well-judged decisions about their future careers.

Benedict Knox will later assess the response that he received and give his conclusions.

Which vote for technology?

The election campaign has offered little direct guidance to anyone whose vote on Thursday might be influenced by the parties' policies towards the computer industry or even to science and technology in general.

The Conservatives did put Kenneth Baker, the Minister for Information Technology, on the platform at one of their daily press conferences to trumpet the increase in government support for new technologies - from £100m in 1978-79 to £350m in 1983-84. But none of the parties has given much specific guidance about their plans to stimulate industrial innovation and research.

As usual, voters who are concerned about these issues must choose on the basis of the likely impact of the parties' overall economic and social policies on Britain's technological development. In particular, will the computer industry fare better under the centralized planning and control promised by Labour, the Tories' encouragement of private enterprise with selective government support, or the Alliance's half-way house?

Although no opinion poll has taken the political temperature of the industry during the campaign, my personal impression is that the Conservatives enjoy a wider margin of support among people whose jobs depend on making, selling, servicing or using computers than in the country as a whole.

Nevertheless a considerable number of electronics and computer workers are active members of the Labour Party and at least five are standing as parliamentary candidates.

The section of the Conservative manifesto headed "Help for the new technologies" offers little more than a continuation of the Government's existing policies on information technology, including measures announced before the campaign started, such as implementing the Alvey programme, extending the Micros-in-schools and IT Centre schemes, and sanctioning new cable networks for entertainment, tele-shopping and tele-banking.

The most interesting promise is "to help firms to launch new products through pilot schemes and public purchasing"; one complaint by British manufacturers is that government procurement policy has been less helpful here than in most competing countries.

Labour would use its proposed National Investment

THE WEEK Clive Cookson

But the real threat is Labour's pledge to leave the EEC. Over the past 10 years many American companies have sent research and manufacturing facilities here so as to enjoy the benefits of tariff-free trading within the EEC.

A more appealing commitment by Labour, which also features in the Alliance manifesto, is to shift research and development expenditure away from defence. Many people in the electronics industry - and not only on the political left - believe that the commercial development of computers in this country is damaged by the way military R&D swallows up financial resources and precious engineering manpower, without much payback in the civilian sector.

The Conservatives recognize the problem but talk about developing better mechanisms to transfer technology out of the defence sector without cutting it.

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First, get the spelling right

Are you irritated by the spelling "program" for what you think ought to be a computer programme? You may think it is just an Americanism we can do without. After all, who wants to write "color" when "colour" is obviously right and proper? But perhaps it is now worth taking a closer look at these two spellings. Whichever you use, the word has arrived to stay in its new meaning as a sequence of instructions for a computer to follow. So we had better try to get the spelling sorted out.

When I was working with the British Army in 1959 on one of their first computers, the local military hierarchy decreed that "computer programmes were programs". Perhaps it was supposed to show the difference from other kinds of military programme. And maybe also from theatre and television programmes - none of us was very clear about what we were doing in those days.

In 1960 a *Times* Computer Supplement used program as "a spelling now adopted in computer terminology". It was a slight pity that this was not reflected in *The Times Literary Supplement* in 1971 when it said that a future world chess champion "could quite conceivably be a computer programme". But perhaps it takes literature more than years to catch up with technology.

Meanwhile, in 1962 no less a body than the British Standards Institution, a fount of authority on technical matters, had produced a standard on data processing terms and said that "program" was the one to use. The latest version of this is BS 3227 01.04.02, 1976 - for those who like to check up on such things - and it goes so far as to deprecate "programme" in this context. There cannot be many English words which actually have an official British Standard spelling, but computer program is one of them.

A little research shows that "program" is not as alien as we might think. The spelling "colour" has been around since the fourteenth century in England and "color" is definitely not one of ours. In contrast, "program" was much preferred for many years by English writers. Seemingly it comes from the same bit of Greek that gives us anagram

and diagram. Have you seen any good "diagrammes" lately?

Up to 1800 or so, "program" reigned. Then someone thought he would try the Frenchified form "programme". And during the nineteenth century it slowly gained ground. Even so, George Bernard Shaw was using "program" in the 1890s. In 1908 it was still very highly regarded by the *OED*, which placed it firmly first before the upstart "programme" and specifically said it was preferable to it - and this long before the electronic computer.

Since then of course "programme" has taken over completely for the general expression, and no one would want to upt the clock back. But the older English spelling "program" has been retrieved for a new use. It is nearly new growth on an old rootstock, not the importing of a foreign solecism.

The latest word seems to lie with the 1982 Supplement to the *OED* (Volume O to Scz). The editors say that program is standard North American, and programme is standard British, except that the former is usual everywhere in connection with computers. So kindly do not be irritated by "program"; increase your literacy and the richness of the language by using it in the new British way.

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What it means to be UK trained

The lure of international travel has been the downfall of many experienced UK computer staff...

that is, the staff have no political objections to working in South Africa or can take the chill in Scandinavia...

This background had made UK-trained and experienced staff very attractive for foreign users...

The US continues to be the favourite. It has the reputation of offering the most advanced systems because international computer vendors...

Such experiences can provide an irritating episode in a career which, before the lure of travel, salary and the encouragement...

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European assignments are now proving popular with the chances of coming back home at the weekend...

Richard Sharpe

LETTERS

Financing students

From J. G. H. Pearce, coordinator FMS programme, School of Production Studies, Cranfield Institute of Technology, Bedford.

Since then they have been through a comprehensive lecture programme in CAD, CAM, robotics, production and stock control...

The future of the students seems to be rosy as most of the non-company sponsored ones are already on their second interview...

With the education cuts the future of courses such as the FMS relies on money from industry. It is surprising how little it costs to finance a student on a one year M.Sc. at Cranfield Institute of Technology...

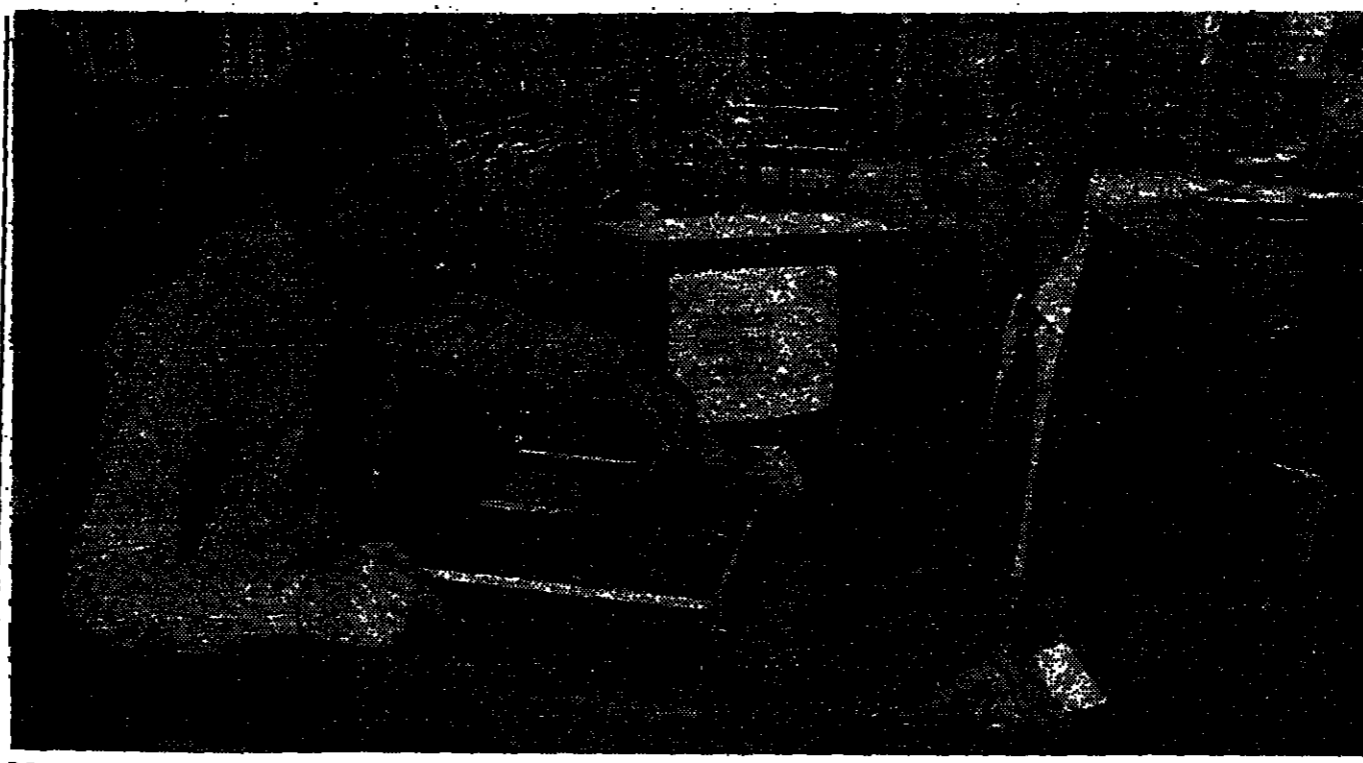
project which would be undertaken within the company. It is also hoped that EITB will recognise this course as one qualifying for their training grant.

So far the 1984 eleven students have been offered places and applications are still being received, but only two are already financed...

From E. N. G. Alcock, Portland Place, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. I have been teaching O level computer studies for four years. I now wish to broaden my knowledge of computing by reading for an MSc in computer at Birmingham University...

There is a kindly company which might provide some financial help in return for the possibility of (a) a grateful future employee and (b) dissertation based on some aspect of that company's computing needs?

From Baron Alan, South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell, Berkshire. Maybe it is a sign of the times, but shoe shops seem to have given up use of an order book, sacrificing customers' personal requirements to an automatic stock replacement punch card system...



Mr A. Harber (left) of Hucclecote library instructs a prospective borrower, Mr F. Fitton, in setting up the Sinclair Spectrum. Photograph by Brian Duggan

Borrow a micro

When public libraries first moved on from lending books and diversified into records, cassettes and pictures, there were those traditionalists who were sceptical of their new role...

Computers have been in evidence in libraries for many years, for issuing databases, information systems and general administrative tools...

Gloucester County Libraries have just launched a pilot scheme in their Hucclecote branch, which enables the public to borrow a complete micro system, packed into a compact carrying case...

giving the public an opportunity to improve computer literacy, and to help develop the in-house use of computers as public databases, with listings of council minutes, planning applications and local organisations.

The hopes that after a free introductory training session a prospective user will book a machine and run programs such as word processing, spreadsheets, or simple data handling.

These two systems will no doubt soon be followed by similar schemes, bringing nearer the day when customers queue for the latest Barbara Cartland and a portable micro computer system at the same desk.

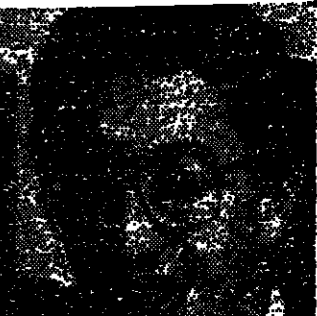
Following a different path, but with the same end in sight, Bedford County Libraries have received a £90,000 grant from the Department of Industry and are planning to establish community computer centres in selected public libraries in their area...

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Geoffrey Ellis

People/Peter Harris of Torch Starting young

When Peter Harris says that Torch Computers is a young company, he does not only mean that it was founded less than two years ago...



Youth is just one of the unusual things about Torch, for while Anderson and Wright are both products of the Cambridge University computer laboratory...

It may sound like the cult of the amateur, but the results have been spectacular. Torch started delivering its first computers last October...

Torch Computers began as a spin-off. Early in 1981, Harris and Vlieland-Boddy were running a consultancy in Cambridge to raise small company finance...

Roger Woolnough

the founders obviously helped, but Harris does much more than drum up finance and keep an eye of the ledgers. His conversation is full of confident references to processor boards, modems and disk drives...

But he thinks that the commercial outlook of Vlieland-Boddy and himself has been important to Torch. He speaks warmly of the contributions which the technical team has made...

Roger Woolnough

The French move in

FRANCE, which has nominated 1983 as Computer Year, backed by a programme of exhibitions and conferences, staged 'The First International Software Products Fair' in Paris last week...

ringed in their chairs for another year. June 8 marks the opening of the three-day Commodore Computer Show at the Cunard Hotel, Hammersmith...



COMPUTER BRIEFING

SPERRY has beaten IBM to win a \$433m order for large computers from the US Navy. It brings the total value of Sperry's contracts signed this year with the US Air Force and Navy to almost £1.5b.

Supporting the marketing of MicroModeller in Europe is the recently-established Cresta Marketing, headed by John Stancoff, formerly of IBM, Intel and Storage Technology...

Executive style The popular Epson HX20 portable computer is now available in a limited 'Executive' style package. The case is of simulated leather, and there are three new software packages...

THURSDAY is election day, but there is a dedicated band of enthusiasts who have the date



The Nomad portable

YOU can drop it, throw it, freeze it, or even toast it, but the new NOMAD portable microcomputer, its makers claim, will still continue to function...

MENTOR Graphics, a fast-growing American supplier of Computer Aided Engineering (CAE) systems has opened its first European office at Spencer's Wood, Reading...

This, says managing director Tony Goodfellow, helps non-typists. The keys are designed for use by gloved fingers and include yes/no keys for single key-stroke answers.

The machine runs on rechargeable batteries, working in Microsoft M-Basic, displays up to two lines, each of 40 characters on a LCD screen...

UK Events

- Office Automation Show & Conference, Barbican Centre, London, June 7-9
4th Commodore Computer Show, Cunard International Hotel, London, June 9-11
Blackburn Computer Fair, King George's Hall, Blackburn, June 11
South of England Personal Computer Fair, Exhibition Hall, Wood Green School, Witley, June 12
Computer Fair, Earls Court, London, June 16-19
Computer Open Day Exhibition, Holiday Inn, London, June 16
Fyde Computer Show, Winter Gardens, Blackpool, June 17-18
Compec North '83, Belle Vue, Manchester, June 21-23

Computer on the campus

Hoboken, New Jersey For the last nine months 80 freshmen at the Stevens Institute of Technology here have been pioneers...

By next autumn all 500 freshmen at Stevens, as well as the freshmen at Clarkson College in Potsdam, NY, will have to own microcomputers.

The future environment for engineers, scientists and managers will include a computer on every desk and access to an entire computer system within the organization...

Last September Stevens required the 80 freshmen who were studying sciences or systems planning and manage-

course. "We set about to get the curriculum changed." As other colleges prepare to implement similar requirements in the next few years, they are watching the experience at Stevens.

Administrators at the 113-year-old coeducational engineering school which overlooks Manhattan from the banks of the Hudson River, say about 200 colleges have asked how the program is working.

Drexel University in Philadelphia will require its freshmen to have microcomputers by January, 1984. Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh has similar plans for 1986.

On campus, the arrival of the microcomputer has given rise to a new way of looking at academic problems. Some professors say that with computers they have covered in the freshman year what they would not have taught until the sophomore year...

Changing the courses to accommodate the computer also meant changing the way professors taught them. There are some faculty members who do not know how to use the computer and are not interested...

William R. Greer

Computer Appointments

Defence ADP Training Centre Lecturer-Computer Systems. The Centre, at Bedford Camp, Dorset is responsible for the professional ADP training of officers and NCOs of the Armed Forces and MOD civilians...

COMPUTER PROGRAMMER (part-time). A Computer Programmer, part-time, with the possibility of becoming full-time in the near future if desired, is needed to work on a number of research projects concerned with medical statistics and epidemiological studies of childhood cancer.

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RACING: HERN HAS FRENCH OAKS CHALLENGER

Air Distingue attempts to emulate Highclere Women triumph in season of glory

By Michael Seely
Air Distingue will have her first race for her new stable in the Prix de Diane Hermès at Chantilly next Sunday. In 1974 the Queen's filly, Highclere gave Dick Hern one of the proudest moments of his career when winning the French Oaks. Her performance at West Hales that day was a repeat performance for Sheikh Mohammed.



John Reid: ban halved

Royal Ascot plans. "Gorytus will certainly go for the St James's Palace Stakes if the going is at all reasonable. But as several of my horses are coming it is too early to decide about the others." It is sincerely hoped that the spring of the delege will not be followed by the summer of the virus.

The 1982-83 National Hunt season, which ended on Saturday, must be regarded as one of the most successful in the history of sport. No longer can jumping be regarded as the poor relation of the Flat to the same extent as it has in the past. Michael Dickinson, champion trainer for the second successive time, won a record total of £358,837 for his partners and Shalika Ali Abu Khanum was also leading owner for the second season running with £142,937 to his credit. This figure, too, constitutes a new record.

1982 will always be remembered as the year in which women joined the men at the head of affairs. The honours must be equally shared between Jenny Pitman and Mercy Rimell. Mrs Pitman became the first of her sex to saddle a Grand National when Corbiac, owned by Ben de Haan, proved too strong for Grasspout and Colin Magnier. A fortnight earlier at Cheltenham a triumphant Mrs Rimell had stood proudly in the paddock enclosure after Gaye Bird had exploded from an easy victory in the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle. Two days later Caroline Beasley became the first woman to ride a winner at the National Hunt Festival after Eliogarty's equally authoritative win in the Christie's Foxhunters Challenge Cup.

Double for Huffer

Claudius Crozet, who lost an eye as a foal and runs with an eyeshield, showed his courage when leading all the way, ridden by the apprentice Paul Bloomfield, to narrowly lead the Silver Pheasant handicap at Leicester yesterday.

Lingfield Park

Draw advantage: Low numbers best
Totals: Double 3.00, 4.00, Triple 2.30, 3.30, 4.30
2.00 HALL HANDBICAP (22,088: 1m 25 (14 runners))

Yarmouth

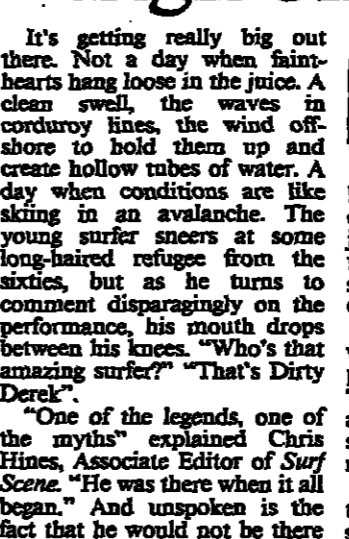
Draw: No advantage
2.15 JOHN HOLDRICH STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £1,301: 5f 25y) (11 runners)

Hamilton Park

Draw advantage: Middle and high numbers best
2.0 TENANT STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £1,385: 5f) (11 runners)

Beachboys whose sport is a life style

It is a swell life riding high on an ocean wave
The surfers of British waters have to be tough. They don't complain about the cold... they just complain when the ice that forms on their wetsuit cuffs starts cutting their wrists.



Flying high: British champion Mark Schofield harnessing the energy of a wave

Arduous came with a strong run inside the last 200 yards and it was only by a short head that Claudius Crozet held on as he completed a double for the apprentice Geoff Huffer who earlier had saddled the blinkered Tudor Enterprise to win the Wolverhampton Stakes.

At Yarmouth this afternoon Henry Cecil can celebrate his first visit of the new season to one of his favourite tracks by winning his 40th race on the seaside course. All has clearly not been well with the champion trainer's horse as he has had so few runners recently. But reports from Newmarket suggest that Defecting Dancer cannot be opposed on the John Holrich Maiden Stakes. Cecil can complete his double by winning the American Theme Park Maiden Stakes with Westview.

John Francoe: Champion
Today's meeting at Lingfield Park was given the go-ahead for an inspection yesterday. The clerk of the course, David Cameron said the course was fit for racing although the ground will be heavy. Yesterday's meeting was cancelled because the track was waterlogged.

It was the Newquay Surf Classic, sponsored by Gul Wetsuits, the first event of the season, and all the non-legendary surfers were there. The car park was a ghetto of Volkswagens and Beetles. It is an occasion when the newly-imported vans from the great winners surfing spots are shown off as wetsuits are peeled with easy shrugs when fresh, daring, and yet more radical manoeuvres are demonstrated in the curving waves.

Well, the conditions at Newquay were pretty desperate. Waves like little doorsteps prompted surfers into desperate, abortive manoeuvres performed beneath them. These were not real surfing conditions, a real surfer would not choose to surf in them, but this was a real surfing competition, so they were stuck with it.

2.30 GRANGE STAKES (2-y-o colts: £236: 5f) (9)
2.45 TOLHOUSE HANDBICAP (Selling: £208: 1m) (19)

3.00 SPONSORED STAKES (Ladies: £1,578: 1m 4f) (14)
3.15 LEASURE STAKES (2-y-o colts: £6,880: 6f) (7)

3.45 WOODY BEAR HANDBICAP (2-y-o maidens: £1,752: 5f 25y) (15)

4.05 HOPTON STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £1,578: 6f) (22)

4.45 HAMILTON PARK
Draw advantage: Middle and high numbers best
2.0 TENANT STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £1,385: 5f) (11 runners)

4.30 MANOR STAKES (2-y-o maiden fillies: £2,082: 6f) (17)

5.00 SECRET LEMONADE DRINKER HANDBICAP (2,018: 7f) (11)

5.30 CRUDEN HANDBICAP (3-y-o colts: £1,308: 5f) (11)

5.50 STAKES HANDBICAP (2,938: 6f) (13)

6.20 LORD ROSEBURY HANDBICAP (2,362: 1m 1f) (10)

Lingfield selections
By Our Racing Staff
2.0 Armaloe, 2.30 Stock Hill Lad, 3.30 Kirchner, 4.0 Dent A Door, 4.30 Lincs.

Leicester results
Going: Good to soft
2.15 (21) WOLFEY STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £1,385: 5f)

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LGU reaffirm ban
By Lewine Mair
The Ladies Golf Union have reaffirmed their decision to ban South African players from the British Women's Amateur Championship at Silloth, Cumbria.

MOTOR RACING
Villeneuve the second steps up
Jacques Villeneuve, the 27-year-old younger brother of the late Gilles Villeneuve, who was killed while practising for the Belgian Grand Prix last year, is hoping to make his own Formula One debut this weekend in the Canadian Grand Prix.

MOTOR CYCLING
Law breaks TT record
Con Law, from Northern Ireland, sent race and lap records tumbling when he sped to his second successive win in the 250cc Isle of Man Junior TT yesterday.

SPORTS POLITICS
Support for South Africa
A large majority of the British public are in favour of maintaining sporting links with South Africa, a Mori opinion poll revealed yesterday.

Simon Barnes
The sneaking suspicion that these people know something that the rest of us don't becomes increasingly solid. "High as a kite," "Indescribable," "When you're really stoked," "a drug-user expression," "Yes, but it's nothing like that..."

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